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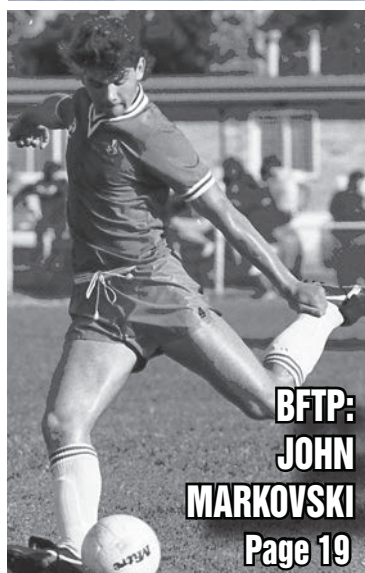
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## MACKENZIE AT LARGE

With Craig MacKenzie

**REECE Caira will come in from the cold in more ways than one when he touches down at Kuala Lumpur International Airport this weekend and we all should be delighted about that.**

And as surprising as it may seem you better believe that this immensely talented young player is thrilled at the prospect of finally playing for the country that forced him to stand out of football for 20 months.

The Aston Villa starlet was one of four overseas-based players named in Jan Versleijen's 23-man Young Socceroo squad on Monday. The others were Jamie Maclaren (Blackburn), Tom King (Liverpool) and Ryan Edwards (Reading), son of former Socceroo Alistair Edwards.

This is the next generation of young guns and there's plenty of pressure on them to restore pride to Australian football after our disappointing showing at the FIFA Under-20s World Cup in Colombia earlier this year.

The bulk of the squad has been in camp in Canberra this week and take their first steps in the new campaign when they fly out on Saturday to KL where Caira will link up with them.

Caira has had club commitments with Aston Villa in the NextGen series that pits the best of Europe's under-19 teams against each other in a Champions' League format. He played against Fenerbache in Turkey on Wednesday night before flying back to England then flying to Malaysia.

The Young Socceroos will compete in Group G of the Under-19 AFC qualifying tournament against China, Indonesia, Singapore and Macau.

Their first task will be to overcome Singapore on 2 November and they finish this campaign with an 8 November showdown with China.

These qualifiers will decide whether the Young Socceroos reach the AFC finals next year. Those finals double as qualification for the Under-20 World Cup to be held in Turkey in 2013.

But it's Caira's selection that is all the talk in football circles right now given his controversial recent past.

The former Wyoming FC and Blacktown junior had to stand out of football for almost two seasons after FFA refused to sanction his international clearance to Aston Villa in 2009.

FFA was bringing to bear a FIFA sanction against the international transfer of minors (under-18s) solely to further their football careers.

This ruling was enacted for the primary purpose of preventing the exploitation of very young players from poor backgrounds and was prompted by the plundering of talent from African countries. However, there was much angst when FFA decided to apply the ruling across the board in a country where such exploitation was not an issue. In time though the national federation saw sense and started treating each clearance application on a case-by-case basis.

And the fact that overseas clubs were savvy enough to change tack and offer scholarships based on an educational component played a significant role in clearances being granted. And still does.

But back in May 2009 the Caira family, which had relocated to their native England, was incensed as the talented youngster was only 16. His father, Phil, told London's "People" newspaper: "We can't understand why the federation [FFA] is stopping him from playing ... if Australia cause problems, he won't play for them. If he's good enough, he could play for England, or Ireland, where my wife's family are, or even Italy - that's where his grandad comes from."

But FFA and FIFA stood firm and Caira had to wait until turning 18 before being able to officially pull on a Villa strip.

Unofficially he'd pulled on the famous colours numerous times during his ban. When Villa's academy team was in action during this period he'd warm up with the squad, sit on the bench during games and do a warm down after the match with his prospective teammates. It was once described to me by a father of another talented young Aussie teen as "a pitiful sight."

But despite the intransigence of FFA and FIFA, Villa stuck by its original agreement with Caira and now he's on a one-year pro contract and in the club's reserves squad.

And somehow this gifted young footballer has found it in his heart to forgive and forget and to move on from his troubled past. That's because in spite of the huge slap in the face delivered to him his desire to play for Australia could not be diminished.

What is not common knowledge is that Phil Caira's comments published in "People" were made just three days after the family found out that FFA wouldn't budge and faced the prospect of taking the Australian federation to FIFA to try and win a clearance.

"We were devastated at the time. We



Aston Villa's Reece Caira is delighted to be playing for Australia.

couldn't understand why an English citizen (Reece has dual citizenship) was being treated like this. I had a journalist from 'People' ringing me up, I had Reece in tears and to be honest I regretted saying what I did straight after I said it but that was the mental state our family was in at the time," Phil Caira told me this week.

Fast forward to October 2011 and ask him what he thinks about his son playing for the Young Socceroos now.

"It's an honour, an absolute honour, and to tell you the truth I have never seen my son so happy in the past couple of years," he said.

"I'm taking him to Heathrow for the flight to Malaysia and even though he's in Turkey right now I reckon he's got his bags already packed. He's absolutely over the moon, mate. He's even gone and bought new boots.

"See when he's over there playing for Australia, he's going to bust his gut mate, you can bet on that."

That's a theme that increasingly seems to be running through this new breed of Young Socceroos.

Blackburn's Maclaren played two friendlies for Scotland against Denmark earlier this year while Australia showed little interest in him but jumped at the chance of joining this current squad where he'll link up with "old" Victorian state team pals in Melbourne Heart's outstanding defensive prospect Curtis Good and Gold Coast United's Jake Barker-Daish.

"Curtis and Jake both played with me in the Victorian under-15s which finished third in the national championships," said Maclaren.

"We were the leaders in that team and we've got a pretty good understanding.

"To be honest I don't know a lot about

the Asian countries we're up against in KL but I just know that in the heat you can expect them to try and hold onto the ball a lot more.

"But I'm confident that we can break them down. I'm really looking forward to this."

And that's an understatement because his reaction earlier this month to being picked in this squad said it all about where his heart lies.

Quite simply and pointedly he told me "I'm an Aussie through 'n' through" and I'm starting to think that there's a recurring theme here that Versleijen can build upon.

There's nothing surer than the pride that Caira and Maclaren will feel when they pull on their Australian strips is not exclusive and if this is endemic to the group then coupled with the experience and talent in this squad we have every reason to look to the future with confidence.

And when I spoke to Versleijen yesterday (Thursday) I discovered that it's a confidence shared by the head coach. "You look at some of the boys in this group and they are very, very good players already. Antonis at Sydney, Good at Melbourne (Heart) and others who are doing very well in the A-League and overseas," he said.

"One of the big positives is that we have a number of players within our squad who already have valuable tournament experience after they competed at World Cups this year."

Antonis and Barker-Daish were part of Australia's squad in Colombia while seven others - King, Nick Ansell, Corey Brown, Connor Chapman, Paul Izzo, Jesse Makarounas and Anthony Proia - were all members of the Qantas Joeys squad that made the round of 16 at the

2011 FIFA U-17 World Cup in Mexico this year.

The conditions in Malaysia will be demanding. Four games in six days in high humidity will test the squad but Versleijen is looking forward to the challenge.

"That's all up to the medical staff and in Australia we are very, very good at these things," he said.

"Football wise we have to work hard to keep the ball. We have to control the game and that's what we are working on."

**The full squad is:** Nicholas Ansell (Melbourne Victory), Terry Antonis (Sydney FC), Jake Barker-Daish (Gold Coast United), Josh Brillante (Gold Coast United), Corey Brown (Brisbane Roar), Reece Caira (Aston Villa), Connor Chapman (AIS), James Donachie (Brisbane Roar), Jack Duncan (Newcastle Jets), Ryan Edwards (Reading), Jason Geria (Brisbane Roar), Curtis Good (Melbourne Heart), Paul Izzo (AIS), Tom King (Liverpool), Jamie Maclaren (Blackburn), Jesse Makarounas (Perth), Nick Munro (Adelaide), Daniel Petkovski (Sydney FC), Anthony Proia (AIS), Paulo Retre (Melbourne Victory), Adam Taggart (Perth Glory), Allan Welsh (Adelaide United), Liam Wooding (Adelaide).

All games will be played at MBPJ Stadium in Petaling Jaya and the full match schedule for the Young Socceroos is: **v. Singapore**, Wednesday 2 November (7 p.m. AEST); **v. Macau**, Friday 4 November (7 p.m. AEST); **v. Indonesia**, Sunday 6 November (10.30 p.m. AEST); **v. China**, Tuesday 8 November (10.30 p.m. AEST)

## Stars set for Europe extravaganza

**THE Melbourne Football Stars 2011 European Tour will be expanded to a new frontier and will include a mouth-watering venture into Spain to take on famous Catalan club Espanyol.**

The MFS academy is the brainchild of former Aberdeen, Scottish youth international and South Melbourne Hellas star George Campbell and a select group of youngsters has been touring the UK for the past few years.

Invited participants commenced training in July/August with one session a week until the end of the regular Victorian club season when training was stepped up to four sessions a week.

Campbell and assistant Andy Bozikas, former Heidelberg Alexander star, will jet out of Melbourne on Friday 25 November with a squad of 14-, 15- and 16-year-olds to take on some of the best youngsters in Scotland, England and Spain.

The Spanish leg of the three-week tour involves four nights in Barcelona and games against Espanyol and touring Chinese outfit Pudong Zobon FC as well as attending the La Liga clash between Espanyol and Atletico Madrid.

The tour aims to provide the Victorian youngsters with an insight into the world of professional football and provide them with an opportunity to experience first-hand the intensity and atmosphere of top-class games.

It also will help them understand the history and culture of the world game, learn of the history of Scotland, England and Spain and gain a life experience that will live long in their memories.

From a football perspective they will be able to benchmark the standard of elite players and measure themselves against that standard.

The UK leg of the 2011 tour will consist of games against Scottish outfits Rangers, Aberdeen and St Mirren and English Premier League clubs Newcastle and Fulham plus an exclusive game against the Scottish National Youth FA side.

Head academy coaches of these various clubs will be on hand for training sessions and there also will be the opportunity to meet some senior players from the clubs involved.

The youngsters also will tour some of the most famous stadia in Europe including Ibrox, Hampden, Wembley, the Nou Camp and Real Madrid's Santiago Bernabeu and will attend the SPL clash between Kilmarnock and Rangers and the EPL clash between Manchester City and Norwich.

The tour group will also visit the Scottish Football Museum, the world's first national museum of football, and will enjoy a cultural experience in Edinburgh, the Scottish capital.

Campbell's MFS academy continues to thrive and the competitiveness and ability of the Aussie youngsters plays its part in the ongoing growth of what is becoming an increasingly successful annual tour.



The MFS 2011 touring squad flanked by coaches Andy Bozikas and George Campbell

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1 Brisbane Roar FC	3	3	0	0	6	0	6	9
2 Perth Glory FC	3	3	0	0	4	1	3	9
3 Newcastle Jets FC	3	2	0	1	4	4	0	6
4 Wellington Phoenix FC	3	1	1	1	3	2	1	4
5 Sydney FC	3	1	1	1	2	3	-1	4
6 Adelaide United FC	3	1	0	2	2	3	-1	3
7 Melbourne Victory FC	3	0	2	1	0	1	-1	2
8 Gold Coast United FC	3	0	2	1	2	5	-3	2
9 Melbourne Heart FC	3	0	1	2	3	5	-2	1
10 Central Coast Mariners	3	0	1	2	1	3	-2	1

THIS WEEK	Week 4	Fixture	Venue	Local	AEDT
	Fri 28 Oct 2011	Brisbane Roar v Adelaide United	Suncorp Stadium	7:00pm	8:00pm
	Sat 29 Oct 2011	Central Coast Mariners v Perth Glory	Bluetongue Stadium	5:30pm	5:30pm
	Sat 29 Oct 2011	Melbourne Heart v Sydney FC	AAMI Park	7:45pm	7:45pm
	Sun 30 Oct 2011	Wellington Phoenix v Melbourne Victory	Westpac Stadium	4:30pm	2:30pm
	Sun 30 Oct 2011	Gold Coast United v Newcastle Jets	Skilled Park	4:00pm	5:00pm

NEXT WEEK	Week 5	Fixture	Venue	Local	AEDT
	Fri 4 Nov 2011	Wellington Phoenix v Central Coast Mariners	Westpac Stadium	7:30pm	5:30pm
	Fri 4 Nov 2011	Adelaide United v Melbourne Heart	Hindmarsh Stadium	7:30pm	8:00pm
	Sat 5 Nov 2011	Newcastle Jets v Perth Glory	Ausgrid Stadium	5:30pm	5:30pm
	Sat 5 Nov 2011	Melbourne Victory v Brisbane Roar	Etihad Stadium	7:45pm	7:45pm
	Sun 6 Nov 2011	Sydney FC v Gold Coast United	Sydney Football Stadium	5:00pm	5:00pm

## ROUND 03 RESULTS

**Brisbane Roar** 3 Newcastle Jets 1  
(Eric Paartalu 13', Besart Berisha 60', Mitch Nichols 78')  
**Gold Coast United** 0 Central Coast Mariners 0  
Sunday, 23 October 2011  
Ausgrid Stadium, Newcastle  
Referee: Jarred Gillett

**Adelaide United** 1 Perth Glory 1  
(Dario Vidosic 28')  
**Sydney FC** 2 Wellington Phoenix 0  
(Jamie Coyne 60', Nick Carle 81')  
Sunday, 23 October 2011  
NIB Stadium, Perth  
Referee: Chris Beath

Saturday, 22 October 2011  
Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide  
Referee: Gerard Parsons

**Melbourne Victory** 0  
**Melbourne Heart** 0  
Etihad Stadium, Melbourne  
Saturday, 22 October 2011  
Referee: Strebrel Delovski

## TOP GOAL SCORERS

3 - Shane Smeltz (Glory)  
2 - Ryan Griffiths (Jets), Mate Dugandzic (Heart), James brown (Gold Coast), Besart Berisha (Roar)



Albanian import Besart Berisha has slotted smoothly into the Roar attack and already paying dividends.

## A-LEAGUE TEAM OF THE WEEK ROUND 3

Compiled by Steven Talevski



**Mathew Ryan** – Despite conceding a goal the youngster kept the Mariners in the match with some great goalkeeping and just edged out Victory stopper Ante Covic to make the team of the week.

**Ivan Franjic** – The Brisbane full back had another good shift as the Roar is the only team not to concede a goal this season.

**Bas Van de Brink** – The Dutchman controlled the defence for Perth Glory and did not allow Phoenix striker Chris Greenacre any space. The defender also assisted in Shane Smeltz's goal.

**Simon Colosimo** – The experienced defender played his first game for the Heart this season and slotted in comfortably to keep the Victory scoreless.

**Todd Howarth** - The midfielder continues to slot in at left back for the Glory and had another very good game against Phoenix wingers Leo Bertos and Daniel Cortes.

**Erik Paartalu** – The roar holding midfielder had 113 passes with a 97% accuracy rate

against rivals Gold Coast. Paartalu also chipped in with the opener and made the fringe Socceroos training squad this week.

**Terry Antonis** – Fresh from a Socceroos training squad call up, the seventeen year old had a dominating performance in the Sydney midfield against Adelaide.

**Mate Dugandzic** – The heart winger makes the team of the week for the second time after he had an impressive performance against former club Melbourne Victory.

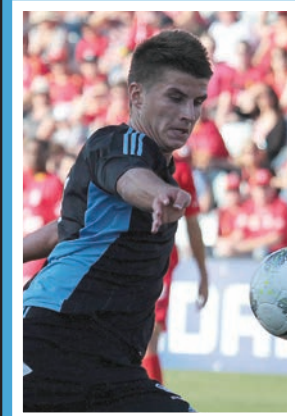
**Nick Carle** – Scored the well-deserved winner after an impressive performance in the number 10 role for Sydney.

**Jeremy Brockie** – The New Zealander capped off his 50th A-League match with a well taken goal against inform Matt Ryan in goals as re-appointed Jets coach Gary Van Egmond looked ahead.

**Besart Berisha** – The Albanian scored his second goal for the Roar and looks to have slotted well into the reigning championship squad.

## Star Man

Terry Antonis  
Sydney FC



Antonis dominated for Sydney in the centre of midfield and played a role in Sydney's equaliser after a terrific run down the right wing was combined with a nicely cut back pass to Jamie Coyne who was able to smash the ball in the back of the net. It is hard to believe that Antonis is only 17 years old as he continues to impress onlookers including Holger Osieck who selected him in this week's Socceroos training squad.

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Brisbane Roar



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Gold Coast United



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Match Details

**Brisbane Roar 3 (Erik Paartalu 14', Besart Berisa 63', Mitch Nichols 78')**  
**Gold Coast United 0**  
Friday, 21 October 2011  
Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane  
Referee: Peter Green  
Crowd: 13, 425  
**Brisbane Roar:** 1. Michael Theoklitos (Gk), 2. Matt Smith (C) (16. Mohamed Adnan 81'), 3. Shane Stefanutto, 4. Matt Jurman, 5. Ivan Franjic, 6. Erik Paartalu, 7. Besart Berisha, 10. Henrique (9. Kofi Danning 59'), 11. Issey Nakajima-Farran (8. Massimo Murococa 59'), 17. Mitch Nichols, 22. Thomas Broich  
Substitutes Not Used: 30. MattheW Acton (Gk)  
Yellow Cards: Nil  
Red Cards: Nil

**Gold Coast United:** 1. Glen Moss (Gk), 2. Josh Brillante, 3. Michael Thwaite (C), 6. Paul Beekmans, 12. Dylan Macallister, 14. Ben Halloran 15. Adama Traore, 16. Maceo Righters (8. Robson 71'), 18. James Brown, 22. Peter Jungschlager, 23. Dylan McGowan (5. Kristian Rees 45')

Substitutes Not Used: 9. Joel Porter, 20. Jerrad Tyson (Gk)  
Yellow Cards: Paul Beekmans 17', Dylan Macallister 52', Adama Traore 75'  
Red Cards: Nil

# M1 derby makes 31 for Roar

By Jarrod Ellis

The Brisbane Roar juggernaut rolled on last Friday night, Ange Postecoglou's men accounting for Gold Coast United 3-0 in the seventh M1 Derby. In an entertaining match Brisbane made the most of their chances to come out on top against a United side that had the champions under the pump in the first half before fading as the match wore on.

Second half goals for Besart Berisha and Mitch Nichols sealed the deal whilst Erik Paartalu took advantage of some poor set piece defending to give Brisbane the initiative.

The build-up to the match had featured plenty of bluster from Gold Coast mouth-piece Miron Bleiberg and his side didn't disappoint early, looking sharp and putting the Roar under constant pressure.

Gold Coast debutant Maceo Righters gave a good account of himself, setting up Dylan Macallister early on but his powerful shot was well saved by Michael Theoklitos.

The visitor's impressive opening came undone in the 14th minute when Erik Paartalu rose above the United defence to head home from a Thomas Broich free kick.

United defender Ante Rozic was ruled out of the fixture on Thursday morning and his absence likely contributed to some glaringly inept defending at set pieces by the Gold Coast.

Conceding a goal appeared to spark the visitors into life and for the next twenty minutes all Brisbane could do was to hang on as Gold Coast kept the reigning champions penned into their



Bersat Berisha showed his prowess in front of goal to finish a slick Roar move and make it 2-0. Photo: ADRIAN GAGLIONE

own half.

The visitors were desperately unlucky not to equalize in the 21st minute when a glancing header from Macallister had Theoklitos beaten only for the ball to drift into the far post and out into the field of play.

Ben Halloran and James Brown also came close to scoring as Gold Coast racked up an impressive eleven shots before the break.

However luck wasn't smiling on United and their defensive frailties were only

going to be exposed further once Dylan McGowan was forced to exit the game at half time with a knee injury.

Brisbane had weathered the storm and as the second half progressed it became abundantly clear that it was only a matter of time until the Roar extended their lead.

That moment finally arrived in the 60th minute. Substitute Massimo Murococa played a sublime, defence splitting pass that was expertly finished by Berisha, the Albanian international managing to

hold off Michael Thwaite before slotting the ball into Glen Moss' net.

Berisha almost turned provider ten minutes later, springing the offside trap to latch onto a well-timed pass from Shane Stefanutto, but his cross towards Kofi Danning was too heavy and the substitute failed to connect with the ball as it sprayed across the face of goal.

Brisbane continued to press for goals and soon found a third thanks to in-form midfielder Mitch Nichols.

Berisha was able to find the right touch

Match Stats			GOLD COAST
5	Saves	1	
5	Attempts on target	6	
7	Attempts off target	9	
58%	Possession	42%	
3	Corners	6	
1	Offsides	3	
18	Fouls committed	18	

this time, laying off the ball for Nichols to finish emphatically, a thunderous strike securing the three points for the home side.

Paartalu almost had the Champions hit party mode as a sensational effort from distance was only denied by the post, Brisbane instead having to settle for a 3-0 win, only the second time the club have recorded a victory over their near-est rivals.

Brisbane manager Ange Postecoglou was pleased after the match with how his side responded to the pressure they were under in the first half, "What's shown over the first three weeks is for teams to stop us they've got to work really really hard and they've got to go for 90 minutes because we certainly will," Postecoglou said.

"We broke their will a little bit especially when we scored the second goal, and the game opened up for us."

United coach Miron Bleiberg didn't view it that way, instead lashing out at referee Peter Green.

"In the first 20 minutes the ratio of (the referee's) decisions was about 10 to one against us," Bleiberg said.

"In the end they committed more fouls than we did and we got the soft fouls."



The Roar draw first blood in the M1 derby thanks to a well directed header by Erik Paartalu (out of picture). Photo: ADRIAN GAGLIONE



Boots 'n all! Thomas Broich (Roar) holds firm against a determined derby day challenge from Gold Coast's Robson. Photo: ADRIAN GAGLIONE



Adelaide United



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Sydney FC



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Match Details

Adelaide United 1 (Dario Vidosic 28)  
Sydney FC 2 (Jamie Coyne 60, Nick Carle 81)  
Hindmarsh Stadium  
Crowd: 12,504  
Referee: Gerard Parsons

**Adelaide United:** 1. Eugene Galekovic, 2. Osama Malik, 4. Jon McKain, 6. Cassio, 7. Zenon Caravella, 9. Sergio van Dijk, 10. Dario Vidosic (21. Francisco Usucar '52), 16. Spase Dilevski (14. Cameron Watson '65), 17. Iain Ramsay (5. Daniel Mullen '79), 22. Milan Susak, 23. Andy Slory.

Sub not used: 20. Mark Birrighitti (gk).

Yellow cards: Spase Dilevski 35, Andy Slory 73.  
Red cards: Nil

**Sydney FC:** 20. Ivan Necevski, 3. Jamie Coyne, 4. Pascal Bosschaert, 5. Michael Beauchamp, 7. Brett Emerton (23. Rhyan Grant, 8. Karol Kisel, 9 Bruno Cazarine, 10 Nick Carle (2. Sebastian Ryall '86), 15. Terry McFlynn, 17. Terry Antonis (11. Dimi Petratos '80), 21. Scott Jamieson.

Sub not used: 30. Ryan Norval (gk).

Yellow cards: Nil  
Red cards: Nil

By Nat Adamopoulos

A highly focussed and dominant Sydney FC notched up their first Hyundai A-League win in the Round 3 Rivalry Round, downing Adelaide United 2-1 at Hindmarsh Stadium with goals coming from backman Jamie Coyne in the 60th and entertaining Nick Carle in the 80th shaking off their long time winless Hindmarsh hoodoo. It was almost six years to the day that Sydney last took away full points at the Reds home ground, the last Blues wiken at Hindmarsh coming in Round 6 of the 2006/07 season on 2nd October.

Sydney were committed from the start, with all players across the board putting in valiant efforts to eventually grind down the homeside and expose their weaknesses. Their top signing and recent ex EPL player Brett Emerton looked lean and fit and ready to go, featuring early taking a shot at goal from a free kick only minutes into the match but without reward. Without key midfielder Evgeny Levchenko the Reds did look promising at the start with Cassio, Andy Slory and Iain Ramsay all having great input, creating chances to score, but any advance was taken care of brilliantly by the Sydney back line and keeper. Sydney themselves had a chance on a break within the first ten minutes with Karol Kisel executing a glancing header that hit the upright, the Reds defence scurrying to put the ball quickly out of play. Brett Emerton was playing a key role exposing United's defence, producing a great high ball in from the left intended for Bruno Cazarine, but failing to find his target went unpunished. At the 20 minute mark Andy Slory caught the attention of referee Gerard Parsons, the enthusiastic Dutchman receiving a stern warning for his unconventionalism but unphased, had a chance to put the homeside in front just minutes later, unluckily shooting wide of the far post.

But it was last week's hero Dario Vidosic following up on a great debut performance against Melbourne Victory in Round 2 who put the first goal away in the 28th minute of the match, as a Sergio Van Dijk cross in was slammed into the back of the net, leaving the Blues defence ball watching.

It was then that Sydney's youngster Terry Antonis kicked into gear and never looked back destroying his opposition for the remainder of his time on field. The speedster caught the Reds defence napping in the 35th minute forcing the Galekovic Super gloves to come into action to pull off a class reflex save. Not



Sydney FC celebrate after scoring a deserved equaliser through Jamie Coyne.

Photo: ADRIAN BUTLER

to be outdone, Adelaide's red hot Ramsay did some shoe sufflin five minutes later to get around Sydney defender Jamie Coyne, putting in a great ball across the face of goal for Slorry to get onto but again, the Dutchman missing the opportunity. As the first half came to a close Emerton supplied a great ball for Nicky Carle, the shot hitting the cross bar, coming back into play for Antonis to get

onto, but yet again the outstretched golden gloves of Galekovic and the woodwork saving the day!

The 12,054 crowd expected to see a challenging second half and they did, albeit dominated by the Blues and their relentless attacking. Reds Defender Milan Susak did have his opportunity to put his side two goals clear just five minutes into the restart, volley-

ing a shot for Blues keeper Ivan Necevski to fingertip over the cross bar. Luck wasn't going the Reds way as Vidosic receiving a knock and succumbing to a corked thigh needed to be replaced by Cameron Watson in the 52nd minute. The determination of the visitors was evident and paid off on the hour as an advancing Coyne passed off a ball out wide to the fluoro-booted Antonis who reciprocated back to Coyne, the defender in unfamiliar territory drilling it past the Reds keeper for the equaliser. Changes were made by both coaches in the 65th minute the Reds Dilevski being replaced by Cameron Watson and Brett Emerton who received a knock a minute earlier was taken off for precautionary measures for Rhyan Grant. Sydney looked certain to score and in the 68th minute a Carle and Cazarine dual pronged attack has Galekovic's foot deflecting Cazarines shot, executing another top class save. Ramsay was into attack again but a mistimed pass forward saw Sydney steal the ball away. The Blues Captain Terry McFlynn was doing a great job defending Van Dijk keeping him quiet for this match. Slory true to his character earned a yellow for his foul on Sydney's Pascal Bosschart in the 73rd minute and a minute later a decision of a possible penalty awarded was questioned by the Blues as Antonis went down in the box and referee Parsons waved play on.

Match Stats		
2	Saves	2
5	Attempts on target	8
4	Attempts off target	7
45%	Possession	55%
3	Corners	5
0	Offsides	1
17	Fouls committed	17

With the continual onslaught of Sydney, Reds coach Rini Coolen strengthened up his defence subbing Ramsay off for Daniel Mullen with the opposition making their own change, the entertaining Antonis being taken off for Dimitri Petratos. The change worked as moments later Kisel split the Reds defence supplying a great ball for Carle to slot past Galekovic much to the disappointment of the crowd. The 90th minute saw substitute Cameron Watson miss a golden opportunity to score an equalizer for the Reds instead, shooting across the face of goal. As full time was hailed for the Rivalry Round match, Blues players arms up in the air took pride in finally getting their first win for the season and their goal tally rolling.

The loss left Reds Coach Rini Coolen answering for the inconsistency of his chargers with a honest no nonsense philosophical review of the performance.



Dario Vidosic adorns himself to the Reds faithful after breaking the deadlock to put the home side ahead. Photo: ADAM BUTLER



Adelaide United's Cassio wins this particular heading battle with Sydney FC's Terry Antonis. Photo: ADAM BUTLER



Melbourne Victory

MELBOURNE Victory F.C. 0

Melbourne Heart

HEART M 0

Match Details

**Melbourne Victory 0**  
**Melbourne Heart 0**  
Etihad Stadium, Melbourne  
Referee: Strebre Delovski  
Assistant referees: Matthew Cream and Ashley Beecham  
Fourth official: Lucien Laverdure  
Attendance: 39,039

**Melbourne Victory**  
21. Ante Covic, 2. Matthew Foschini, 3. Fabio, 4. Petar Franjic, 6. Leigh Broxham, 8. Grant Brebner, 10. Archie Thompson, 11. Marco Rojas (16.Carlos Hernandez 73'), 12. Rodrigo Vargas, 19. Isaka Cernak (9. Jean Carlos Solorzano 46'), 22. Harry Kewell.

Unused substitutes: 20. Lawrence Thomas (GK), 7. Matthew Kemp  
Yellow cards: Matthew Foschini 52'  
Red cards: Nil

**Melbourne Heart**  
1.Clint Bolton, 2.Michael Marrone, 4.Simon Colosimo, 6.Matt Thompson (17.Jason Hoffman 73'), 10.Wayne Shroj, 11.Alex Terra (9.Maycon 67'), 13.Jonatan Germano, 15.David Williams, 16.Aziz Behic, 18.Curtis Good, 23.Mate Dugandzic

Unused substitutes: 30 Sebastian Mattei; 3.Brendan Hamill,  
Yellow cards: Matt Thompson 42', Aziz Behic 48'  
Red cards: Nil

By Daniel Quinn

Melbourne Heart will feel like the team who missed an opportunity to gain three points off their Melbourne rivals as they drew nil-all with Melbourne Victory at Etihad Stadium on Saturday Night.

Melbourne Victory made one change with Isaka Cernak replacing Carlos Hernandez which meant Archie Thompson was in his preferred central attacking position. Melbourne Heart made three changes with Clint Bolton replacing Nikola Roganovic, Jonatan Germano replacing Maycon and the injured Fred being replaced my Simon Colosimo which meant Matthew Thompson moved back into midfield.

The Melbourne Derby started off slow with Melbourne Heart having the first chance on 14 minutes as Alex Terra failed to finish Thompson's downward header from six yards. One minute later Victory had their first chance with Archie Thompson beating Simon Colosimo but hitting his strike at Keeper Clint Bolton.

The Victory looked aggressive in the tackling game as Heart held the majority of the possession. Victory's lack of closing down in their attacking third let Heart control the tempo. Although Victory fans like they always do were vocal to push their team on.

The next chance didn't come until 35 minutes when Mate Dugandzic's corner was flicked on by Alex Terra but no one was there to put it away. The next chance fell to Heart's Michael Marrone whose shot was saved by Ante Covic as Covic rushed out to close down The Heart Fullback. Birthday boy Dugandzic yet again with the supply.

As the second-half started Cernak was replaced by Solorzano as Victory



Heart's Wayne Shrhøj goes toe-to-toe with an outstretched Leigh Broxham of the Victory.  
Photo: ANITA MILAS

switched to a 4-4-2 with Harry Kewell being moved to the left with Thompson and Solorzano filled the Central Striking roles. Heart started the second-half slowly as they adjusted to Victory's changes. On 56 minutes Marco Rojas was played in by Leigh Broxham but his cross had too much on it as Solorzano couldn't direct his header on target.

Solorzano looked like he could be Victory's savior as he had half chances on 60 and 64 minutes with Clint Bolton the

man in the way. But it was Heart who was starting to control the game again as David Williams put his shot into the terraces. Jason Hoffman too had a shot safely saved by Victory Keeper Ante Covic. Two minutes later on 84 minutes Dugandzic against his previous club had an attempt parried by the inform Covic. Dugandzic had yet another chance on 90 minutes as he had a powerful shot parried by Covic.

Despite the chances Melbourne

Heart couldn't finish as Ante Covic once again was Victory's savior. Dugandzic's impressive performance from last week has continued, definitely as player to keep an eye on. 0-0 the final score.

Melbourne Victory next week travel to Wellington Phoenix on Sunday in a tough encounter. Melbourne Heart again will have a tough battle as they host Sydney FC at AAMI Park on Saturday night.

Melbourne Victory	Match Stats	M
8	Saves	2
2	Attempts on target	9
6	Attempts off target	7
53%	Possession	47%
2	Corners	8
7	Offsides	0
12	Fouls committed	21



"What can I tell ya?" Referee Strebre Dilovski can't give Harry Kewell the answers the Socceroo is looking for. Photo: ANITA MILAS



Victory keeper Ante Covic was made to work hard to keep a second clean sheet for the season. Photo: ANITA MILAS

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MELBOURNE Victory F.C.



Newcastle Jets



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CC Mariners



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Match Details

Newcastle Jets 1 (Brockie 25')  
Central Coast Mariners 0  
Crowd: 14,421 At Ausgrid Stadium, Broadmeadow  
Referee: Jarred Gillett

Newcastle Jets: 1. Ben Kennedy (Gk), 4. Nikolai Topor-Stanley, 5. Tiago Calvano, 6. Ben Kantarovski, 7. Kasey Wehrman (C), 8. Jeremy Brockie, 10. Ruben Zadkovich, 11. Tarek Elrich, 13. Sung-Hwan Byun, 14. Labinot Haliti, 23. Ryan Griffiths

Substitutes: 2. Taylor Regan, 18. Marko Jesic, 19. Matthew Nash (Gk), 22. Ali Abbas

Yellow cards: KWASNIK (CCM) 88'  
Red Cards: Nil

Central Coast Mariners: 1. Mathew Ryan (Gk), 2. Daniel McBreen, 3. Joshua Rose, 4. Pedj Bojic, 5. Brad Porter, 6. Patrick Zwaanswijk (C), 8. Rostyn Griffiths, 10. Adriano Pellegrino, 11. Oliver Bozanic, 14. Michael McGlinchey, 19. Matthew Simon

Substitutes: 9. Bernie Ibini, 12. Troy Hearfield, 19. Matthew Simon, 20. Justin Pasfield (Gk)

Yellow cards: SIMON (CCM) 64'  
Red Cards: Nil

# Brockie's dance spins Mariners

By Shaun Dyas

The Newcastle Jets have defeated their arch rivals the Central Coast Mariners 1-0 in a tense F3 derby at Energy Australia Stadium, poking fun at their enemy in the process. The Jets fanatical supporter group the Squadron unveiled a giant banner depicting former Newcastle player Daniel McBreen missing a penalty in last years A-League grand final. Underneath the banner fellow fans held banner reading 'Always the Bridesmaid, never the bride.'

In this match in front of 14,421 fans the home side had their Kiwi import Jeremy Brockie to thank for delivering the all-important winner. The New Zealander picked up a slack pass out of defence from Mariners right back Bradley Porter before skilfully navigating his way between Porter and centre back Patrick Zwaanswijk.

As Mariners keeper Matthew Ryan approached, Brockie delicately clipped the ball past the advancing keeper and into the back of the net from 12 yards.

It was just reward for Brockie who had been threatening the Mariners defence constantly with his direct running and speed, consistently beating the first defender. His trickery and incisive runs started to inspire his teammates and the match suddenly came alive in the 18th minute.

Ruben Zadkovich, returning to the starting line-up after a bout of the flu was instrumental in the build-up. His pressure on Joshua Rose led to the Mariners defender turning over possession to striker Labinot Haliti.



The Jets defy the odds and come out victors in the F3 derby. Just wait and see what they're like once they get a coach. Photo: PETER NEVILLE

As the striker was bearing down on goal he had both Zadkovich to his left and Ryan Griffiths to his right to play the ball to but for some reason decided to go alone. His lame attempt on goal was easily smothered by a combination of Ryan and Zwaanswijk. The Mariners then created their only real chance of the first half. Matt Simon was bundled over clumsily by the Jets defence in the 23rd minute leading to a free kick 25 yards from goal. Oliver Bozanic stepped up and bent a left footed effort around the wall which keeper Ben Kennedy parried away to safety for a throw in. The home side then took the lead but were almost guilty of inviting their

opponent straight back into the contest. The usually reliable Tarek Elrich failed to control a ball in from the left which rebounded into the path of McBreen. The striker reacted quickly and almost silenced the home fans. Unluckily for him, his left foot snapshot went inches wide of Kennedy's left post. Brockie should probably have double his and the Jets tally in the 38th minute. Ben Kantarovski and Haliti combined intelligently on the right hand edge before the ball was slipped into the feet of Brockie. He spun away brilliantly from Zwaanswijk and seemed destined to score. His left footed strike from 15 yards was un-

fortunately lacking and the ball was easily saved by Ryan. After the interval the game seemed to drift as both sides were struggling to assert their authority on what was quickly becoming a cagey affair. The Mariners were the team who started to gain control of the match after coach Graham Arnold decided to introduce teenage sensation Bernie Ibini-Isei in the 60th minute. The young striker started to ask questions of the home sides defence and his constant pressure led to shots from distance by both himself and Bozanic. He almost created a superb equaliser for himself in the 77th minute.

Match Stats	
7	Saves
6	Attempts on target
3	Attempts off target
53%	Possession
2	Corners
1	Offsides
8	Fouls committed

The tricky striker managed to evade both Nikolai Topor-Stanley and Elrich before unleashing a fearsome drive on Kennedy's goal. The keeper managed to palm the ball away to safety, much to the satisfaction of the home fans.

Inevitably as the visitors continued to press in search of an equaliser, gaps began appearing at the other end and the Jets should have closed out the match in the 86th minute.

Iraqi winger Ali Abbas, who had come on in place of Zadkovich, skipped away down the left flank into acres of space. He then slid a square ball into the 6 yard box that seemed like it was destined for Haliti to tap home. Ryan had other ideas and somehow clung to the cross despite being at full stretch.

Griffiths also had a free kick saved brilliantly by the Mariners custodian in the 89th minute. The ball looked certain to find the top left hand corner of the net but the amazing agility of the young keeper denied Griffiths what would have been an unjust second.

The Jets now look forward to a trip to face Gold Coast United on Sunday the 30th of October while the Mariners will welcome Perth Glory to Bluetongue stadium on Saturday the 29th.



Patrick Zwaanswijk (Mariners) and Labinot Haliti (Jets) fly high. Photo: PETER NEVILLE



Matt Simon (Mariners) doesn't hold back in an attempt to win possession. Photo: PETER NEVILLE



Joshua Rose brings a tender touch of the State of Origin to the F3 derby. Photo: PETER NEVILLE



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**Perth Glory**



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**Wellington Phoenix**



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**Match Details**

**Perth Glory** 1  
(Shane Smeltz 33')  
**Wellington Phoenix** 0  
Sunday, 23 October 2011  
NIB Stadium, Perth  
Referee: Chris Beath ; AR 1/2: Matthew Cheeseman / Michael Nugus ; 4th official: David Costello

**Perth Glory:** 1.Danny Vukovic, 3.Bas Van Den Brink, 4.Billy Mehmet, 6.Chris Coyne, 7.Jacob Burns, 9.Shane Smeltz, 10.Liam Miller (2.Josh Mitchell 85'), 12.Scott Neville, 13.Travis Dodd (15. Tommy Amphlett 63'), 27. Andre Lopez (14.Steven McGarry 73'), 17.Todd Howarth

Unused subs:  
30. Lewis Italiano

Yellow cards: Coyne, Miller  
Red cards: Nil

**Wellington Phoenix:** 20. Tony Warner (gk), 2. Manny Muscat, 3. Tony Loch-head, 7. Leo Bertos 9. Chris Greenacre, 11. Daniel Cortes (Niko Tsattalios 75'), 12. Nicky Ward, 21. Dani Sanchez, 18. Ben Sigmund, 22. Andrew Durante, 24 Alex Smith

Unused subs:  
1. Mark Paston  
4. Brent Griffiths  
15. Cameron Lindsay

# Glory maintains perfect start

By Steve Nelkovski

Perth Glory have maintained their winning run to start the new season, claiming their third victory in as many games through a hard-fought 1-0 result over Wellington at nib Stadium on Sunday.

Although Wellington probably had the better of the possession, the Phoenix struggled to create many meaningful chances in the absence of suspended vice-captain Tim Brown and injured striker Paul Ifill.

Perth, meanwhile, have the ability to fashion goals from nothing and they did so again in this encounter as Shane Smeltz volleyed home from close range in the 33rd minute for his 52nd Hyundai A-League goal.

Smeltz is now just one goal behind Melbourne Victory's Archie Thompson in terms of most goals scored in this competition, with the striker having the opportunity to level that race up when the Glory travel to Gosford to play Central Coast next Saturday.

Brisbane Roar and Perth are now the only two sides to have a perfect record so far this season, the two teams sitting first and second on the table respectively.

Despite the travel, the time difference and the fact the All Blacks were playing their World Cup final at the same time, the New Zealand side opened with intent, showing just why they were also unbeaten heading into this encounter.

In the sixth minute, a good run from Andrew Durante down the left flank ended with the Phoenix skipper lofting in a cross that Chris Greenacre nodded fractionally over the bar before Dani Sanchez shot marginally high three minutes later.

As they had last week against Melbourne Heart, Perth were content to concede possession during the initial stages, their best early chance coming when Bas van den Brink nodded a corner across the face of goal, with no Glory



Glory maintain their 100% start to the season and join the Roar at the top of the A-League thanks to a nicely taken winner by lethal goal poacher, Shane Smeltz. Photo: EDUARDO MORGAN

players on hand to get their heads to it. Smeltz then fluffed his lines in the 27th minute with a goal there for the taking. Billy Mehmet had done well to make space on the right before squaring to the former Phoenix and Gold Coast man, but Smeltz mis-timed his strike and sent the ball well wide.

On the half hour, Glory stopper Danny Vukovic was momentarily troubled by a bouncing shot from Daniel that he tipped over the bar, but despite Wellington having the better of the play they found themselves behind just three minutes later.

A somewhat innocuous challenge from Daniel on Liam Miller gave Jacob Burns

the chance to loft in a precise free kick that van den Brink nodded forward for Smeltz to strike home on the volley.

The goal seemed to lift Perth, with the Glory enjoying the better of the latter stages and were it not for Ben Sigmund's efforts they may have doubled the lead during added time as the Phoenix defender nodded an Andrezinho cross clear just in front of a charging Mehmet.

The Phoenix came out from the sheds determined to assert themselves in the second half as they once again took control of possession.

In the 54th minute they came within millimetres of equalising as well when

Vukovic was forced into action, the Glory goalkeeper brilliantly tipping Sigmund's goalbound header onto the bar following a corner by Daniel.

As both sides fought it out for control through a crowded midfield, chances were at a premium, making it even more surprising when Smeltz produced a terrible miss with 20 minutes remaining.

Released down the left by Andrezinho's through-ball, Smeltz cut inside and was bearing down on goal, only to blaze his shot metres over the bar.

However despite earning several free kicks in dangerous positions throughout the last 20 minutes, the Phoenix couldn't make Smeltz pay for his miss.

Match Stats		
1	Saves	2
2	Attempts on target	3
7	Attempts off target	7
56%	Possession	44%
4	Corners	6
3	Offsides	3
12	Fouls committed	14

And matters just got worse for Wellington and their threadbare squad during injury time when Manny Muscat received a second yellow card for a high challenge on Mehmet, meaning he will miss next week's clash.



Perth Glory's Scott Neville gives chase to Wellington's Daniel Cortes. Photo: EDUARDO MORGAN



Hot to trot: In form striker Shane Smeltz turns inside Daniel. Photo: EDUARDO MORGAN

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## Line Ups

- 1. Michael Theoklitos (gk)
- 2. Matt Smith (C)
- 3. Shane Stefanutto
- 4. Matt Jurman
- 5. Ivan Franjic
- 6. Erik Paaratlu
- 7. Besart Berisha
- 8. Massimo Murodca
- 9. Kofi Danning
- 10. Henrique
- 11. Issey Nakajima-Farran
- 16. Mohamed Adnan
- 17. Mitch Nichols
- 19. Jack Hingert
- 20. Andrew Redmayne (gk)
- 21. James Meyer
- 22. Thomas Broich
- \*Two To Be Omitted\*

In: James Meyer (Promoted), Jack Hingert (Promoted)  
Out: Nil  
Unavailable: 12. Matt Mundy (Knee Injury – 1 Weeks), 14. Rocky Visconte (Hamstring Strain – 1 Weeks)

## Brisbane Roar v Adelaide United

Fri 28 Oct Suncorp Sdm 8:00pm

By Jarrod Ellis

This Friday night Brisbane host Adelaide United at Suncorp Stadium, traditionally a happy hunting ground for the Reds, but with Brisbane in good form and Adelaide's early matches providing only glimpses of a good team the Roar will fancy their chances to make it 32 matches unbeaten.

Last week, in a rivalry round clash against Gold Coast United that could have proved to be a banana skin for the reigning champions, Brisbane were forced to work hard for the points against Miron Bleiberg's promising side, but goals from Erik Paaratlu, Besart Berisha and Mitch Nichols ensured their perfect start to the season continued.

In contrast to Roar's impressive opening to the campaign, Adelaide United has found life in the Hyundai A-League 2011/12 season hard going.

A mediocre performance in a season opening defeat to Perth Glory was followed by a rousing 1-0 home win over arch nemesis Melbourne Victory, but then it was another step backwards against Sydney FC.

The Reds had started their first two matches slowly and improved in the second-half, this time the opposite was true. 1-0 ahead at half-time against a team that had failed to score in either of their first two matches, the game seemed there for the taking,



## Roar ready to roll Reds

Head-to-Head: All matches (played 19): Brisbane Roar wins 5, Adelaide United wins 8 (6 draws)  
Odds: Roar 1.63 Draw 3.60 AUFC 5.50

yet they threw away their lead and ended up on the wrong end of a 2-1 scoreline.

Adelaide will need to start well on Friday if they're to come away from Brisbane with a result, the Roar are renowned for their ability to maintain their focus up until the final whistle and if the hosts are already ahead at half time then things could get ugly.

The Reds enjoyed decent spells of possession against Sydney and Dario Vidosic got his first goal of the campaign. That will be an important confidence-booster for the front-man, especially considering that, on Friday, he comes up against a defence

that has yet to concede at all this season.

United will need Vidosic to be in good touch if they're to come away with a result, whilst speedster Zenon Caravella could have a large role to play with Brisbane having looked vulnerable to quick counter attacks over the opening three rounds.

Both teams preparations were disrupted due to Holger Osieck's Socceroo camp, Brisbane having lost Luke Brattan, Ivan Franjic, Mitch Nichols, Erik Paaratlu, Matt Smith and Michel Theoklitos until Wednesday whilst Adelaide were forced to begin their preparations absent Ze-

non Caravella, Eugene Galekovic, Antony Golec and Milan Susak.

On the face of it Brisbane had more players absent, but playing at home and the benefit of having a set system of play in place should help hinder any kind of malaise setting in due to a couple of days missed training.

Home ground advantage should prove to be enough this time for Brisbane to get a result, but if Adelaide can begin the match well and hold their performance for ninety minutes then this fixture could well prove to be a cracker.

Kiss of Death  
Roar 2-1 Adelaide



## Line Ups

- 1.Eugene Galekovic (Gk)
- 2.Osama Malik
- 3.Nigel Boogaard
- 4.Jon Mckain
- 5.Daniel Mullen
- 6.Cassio
- 7.Zenon Caravella
- 8.Evgeniy Levchenko
- 9.Sergio Van Dijk
- 10.Dario Vidosic
- 14.Cameron Watson,
- 16.Spase Dilevski
- 17.Iain Ramsay
- 20.Mark Birighitti (Gk)
- 21.Francisco Usucar
- 22.Milan Susak
- 23.Andy Slory
- \*two to be omitted\*

In: Evgeniy Levchenko (Returns From Injury), Nigel Boogaard (Returns From Injury)  
Out: Nil  
Unavailable: Bruce Djite (Groin – 1-2 Weeks)



## Line Ups

- 1. Mathew Ryan (Gk)
- 2. Daniel McBreen
- 3. Joshua Rose
- 4. Pedj Bojic
- 5. Brad Porter
- 6. Patrick Zwaanswijk
- 8. Rostyn Griffiths
- 9. Bernie Ibini
- 10. Adriano Pellegrino
- 11. Oliver Bozanic
- 12. Troy Hearfield
- 14. Michael McGlinchey
- 15. Brad McDonald
- 16. Trent Sainsbury
- 17. Michael Baird
- 19. Matt Simon
- 20. Justin Pasfield (Gk)
- 21. Sam Gallagher
- 23. Adam Kwasnik
- \*four to be omitted\*

In: 15. Brad McDonald (Promoted), 16. Trent Sainsbury (Promoted), 17. Michael Baird (Promoted), 21. Sam Gallagher (Promoted)  
Out: Nil  
Unavailable: 7. John Hutchinson (On Loan), 13. Stuart Musialik (Adductor – 2 weeks), 18. Alex Wilkinson (Forearm – 1 week), 22. Mustafa Amini (Groin – 2 weeks)

## CC Mariners v Perth Glory

Sat 29 Oct Bluetongue Stdm 5:30pm

By Adrian Deans

If you'd predicted four weeks ago that this game would be equal first versus equal last, no-one would have been surprised.

If you'd suggested however, that Perth would be equal first and the Mariners equal last...eyebrows would have been raised.

Who'd have thought? And yet, there are some mitigating circumstances. The Mariners have played Brisbane – Perth have not. The Mariners should have had a penalty against Gold Coast and also against Newcastle. The Mariners completely outplayed Newcastle in the second half but couldn't find a goal after giving away a gift to Jeremy Brockie from a Brad Porter howler.

At the same time, Perth were fortunate to get three points against Melbourne Heart in Round Two and extremely lucky to beat Wellington who came home with a wet sail on Sunday night. Realistically, the Mariners could have been on four or even six points, and Perth could have been on three.

This game will be close – no more than a goal in it.

In the second half against Newcastle we finally saw the Mariners playing the kind of fast and direct game which typified and underpinned their success last year. Rose and Bozanic on the left and Bojic



## Mariners look for Glory

Head-to-Head: All matches (played 18): Mariners wins 11, Perth Glory wins 2 (5 draws)  
Odds: Mariners 2.47 Draw 3.25 Glory 2.82

and McGlinchey on the right played a Brisbanesque style last year which resulted in time and space in the final third for the likes of Perez, Amini and Simon. Perez is gone, Amini has been injured and Simon has had no service.

It was interesting to see last week how much the Mariners improved after McBreen reverted to the number ten position. I've always been a fan of Pellegrino but he seems behind the pace and hasn't yet tuned in to the channel runs of Simon and McBreen. Perez and Amini found their feet in front of goal constantly last season but the Mariners didn't look like scoring on Sunday until

Pellegrino left the field. The Mariners might have Mustafa Amini back for this game. He completed 60 minutes for the youth team last weekend and will hopefully be available for selection.

Perth are by no means the pushovers they've been in recent years and in Shane Smeltz they have a proven goal scorer who almost guarantees them at least a goal a game. Billy Mehmet has also impressed me and Andrezhino has the capacity to torment any defence (although Wellington kept him quiet).

The Mariners have the pace out wide to stop Perth and cause them problems but they must start getting

in behind instead of cutting back inside and allowing defences to regain shape. If they can do that and if Rostyn Griffiths can keep Billy Mehmet quiet, then the Mariners can win in a tight one.

It's going to be close.

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Kiss of Death  
Mariners 1-0 Glory



## Line Ups

- 1.Danny Vukovic (Gk)
- 2.Josh Mitchell
- 3.Bas Van Den Brink
- 4.Billy Mehmet
- 5.Steve Pantelidis
- 6.Chris Coyne
- 7.Jacob Burns (C)
- 8.Adam Hughes
- 9.Shane Smeltz
- 10.Liam Miller
- 12.Scott Neville
- 13.Travis Dodd
- 14.Steven McGarry
- 15.Tommy Amphet
- 16.Evan Berger
- 17.Todd Howarth
- 19.Josh Risdon
- 21.Mile Sterjovski
- 27.Andrezinho
- 30. Lewis Italiano (Gk)
- \*five to be omitted\*

In: 5.Steve Pantelidis, 8.Adam Hughes, 16.Evan Berger, 19.Josh Risdon, 21.Mile Sterjovski  
Out: Neil Young (Abdominal Injury)  
Unavailable: 11.Victor Sikora (Hip – Long Term Injury List), 20.Neil Young (Abdominal Injury), 18. Jesse Makarounas (National Team – Young Socceros), 22. Adam Taggart (National Team – Young Socceros)

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Friday 28th October 2011





MELBOURNE  
HEART



Line Ups

- 1. Clint Bolton
- 2. Michael Marrone
- 3. Brendan Hamill
- 4. Simon Colosimo
- 6. Matt Thompson
- 7. Rutger Worm
- 8. Kristian Sarkies
- 9. Maycon
- 10. Wayne Srhoj
- 11. Alex Terra
- 13. Jonatan Germano
- 15. David Williams
- 16. Aziz Behich
- 17. Jason Hoffman
- 18. Curtis Good
- 19. Eli Babalj
- 22. Nick Kalmar
- 23. Mate Dugandzic
- 30. Sebastian Mattei (gk)
- \*four to be omitted\*

In: Rutger Worm, Kristian Sarkies, Eli Babalj, Nick Kalmar  
Unavailable: Adrian Zahra (Knee – indefinite), Kamal Ibrahim (Ankle – four weeks), Kliment Taseski (Foot – long term injury list), Fred (Hamstring – three weeks)

Melbourne Heart v Sydney FC

Sat 29 Oct AAMI Park 7:45pm

By Daniel Quinn

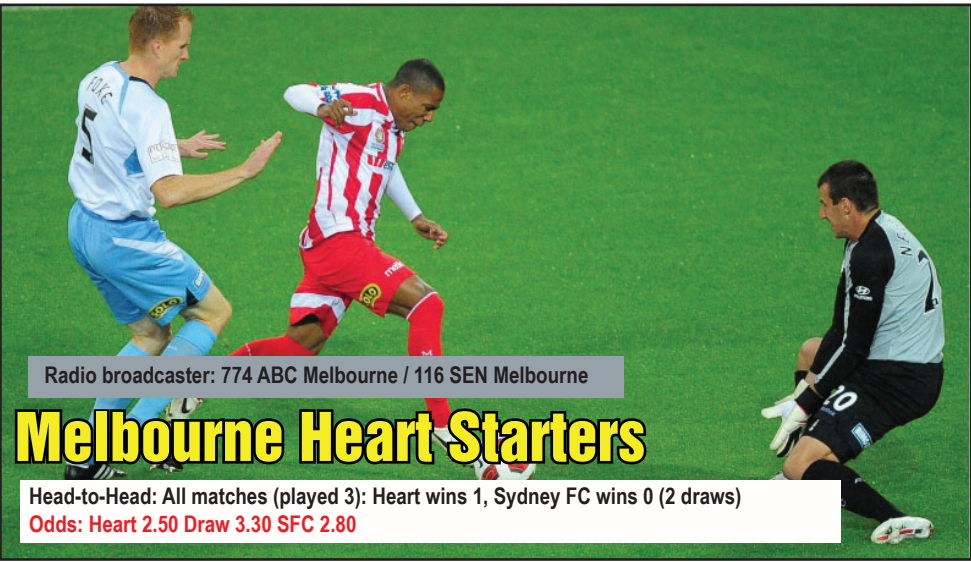
Brett Emerton and his Sydney FC teammates travel to Melbourne for the second time inside the first month of the season. But this time they face Melbourne Heart at AAMI Park on Saturday night.

Sydney FC has just come away with their first win of the season at the hands of Adelaide. While Melbourne Heart has just come back off a nil-all draw with fierce rivals Melbourne Victory. Although Heart did make improvements against a poor Victory they are still winless and sit second last on one point, whereas Sydney's win last week moved them up to fifth on four points.

A win for either side would be a very important one for the rest of the season. Sydney can continue their move up the ladder with consistency and form whereas Heart can get their first and vital win of the season at AAMI Park, their home park which they need to make it as a fortress.

The visitors should have Shannon Cole back from a calf injury and Mark Bridge back from his round one red card. This will create competitions for places as Karol Kisel, Nick Carle and youngster Terry Antonis all shined in midfield in Adelaide.

Meanwhile the hosts, Melbourne Heart should have back Dutchman Rutger Worm who played 45 minutes in the National Youth League last



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Melbourne Heart Starters

Head-to-Head: All matches (played 3): Heart wins 1, Sydney FC wins 0 (2 draws)  
Odds: Heart 2.50 Draw 3.30 SFC 2.80

weekend. Worm is going to struggle to get into a strong attacking Heart side but if they continue to miss their chances like last week then he could always be called upon. Mate Dugandzic, David Williams, Alex Terra, Maycon and Jason Hoffman are the many forwards that John van't Schip can choose from who will want to keep their place. However Captain Fred is still missing after picking up a hamstring injury against Perth two weeks ago.

Heart will have to stay strong defensively like they were last week. Simon Colosimo came in to partner Curtis Good with Matthew Thompson

moving into his preferred Central Midfield position. A move which paid off as Colosimo was one of the stand out Heart players. Clint Bolton also returned in that game, even though he didn't look 100% fit he too was important to Heart keeping a clean sheet. Colosimo and Bolton would be important once again to keep out Carle, Cazarine, Emerton and the returning forward Bridge.

Sydney's weak point last week was their defence. Michael Beauchamp was at fault for the opener for Dario Vidosic as he miss placed his header straight into Vidosic's path. Beauchamp will be up against his former

club for the first time after leaving during the pre-season. Beauchamp's memory of a lack of game time last season might just spur him and his teammates on.

Both games at AAMI Park last season finished in draws with Heart taking the points at the SFS. Sydney will be hoping to get their first points against The Heart for the first time after a great comeback win over Adelaide, whereas Heart will be hoping to win their first game of the season.

Kiss of Death  
Heart 1-1 Sydney



Line Ups

- 1. Liam Reddy
- 2. Sebastian Ryall
- 3. Jamie Coyne
- 4. Pascal Bosschaart
- 5. Michael Beauchamp
- 7. Brett Emerton
- 8. Karol Kisel
- 9. Bruno Cazarine
- 10. Nick Carle
- 11. Dimi Petratos
- 15. Terry McFlynn (c)
- 17. Terry Antonis
- 19. Mark Bridge
- 20. Ivan Necevski
- 21. Scott Jamieson
- 23. Rhyan Grant
- \*one to be omitted\*

In: Mark Bridge (returns from suspension), Liam Reddy (returns from injury)  
Out: Hirofumi Moriyasu, Ryan Norval  
Unavailable: Juho Makela (quad, 3 weeks), Shannon Cole (calf, 1 week).



Line Ups

- 1. Mark Paston (GK)
- 3. Tony Lochhead
- 4. Brent Griffiths
- 6. Tim Brown
- 7. Leo Bertos
- 9. Chris Greenacre
- 11. Daniel
- 12. Nicky Ward
- 13. Niko Tsattalios
- 15. Cameron Lindsay
- 18. Ben Sigmund
- 19. Jimmy Downey
- 20. Tony Warner (GK)
- 21. Dani Sanchez
- 22. Andrew Durante (C)
- 24. Alex Smith
- \*one to be omitted\*

In: Jimmy Downey (promoted)  
Out: Manny Muscat (suspended)  
Unavailable: Lucas Pantelis (knee injury - indefinite), Mirjan Pavlovic (broken arm – 6 weeks), Vince Lia (knee injury – 6 weeks), Paul Ifill (groin injury – 2 weeks)

Wellington Phoenix v Melb Victory

Sun 30 Oct Westpac Stdm 2:30pm

By Joe Gallagher

Marco Rojas will be the centre of attention at Westpac Stadium on Sunday as a frustrated Melbourne Victory take on Wellington Phoenix.

The Melbourne midfielder returns to his old stomping ground and will be hoping that the familiar surroundings can inspire a performance of some familiarity too. The form with which he produced many of Wellington's goals at the climax of last season has been sorely missed this term. His Victory side sit seventh on the table, still without a win or even a goal in nearly five hours of football this season.

Tipped as pre-season contenders for the title, Melbourne are yet to find the back of the net, even with the likes of Rojas, Carlos Hernandez and Harry Kewell in their mix. They will be further feeling the weight of expectation after failing to break down a gritty Melbourne Heart in the derby on Saturday. Mehmet Durakovic, under immense pressure just three matches into his career, will take solace from the fact that this is a fixture that has traditionally seen goals.

Phoenix coach Ricki Herbert will have to deal with frustration of his own - having to again reshuffle his pack, this time the suspended Manny Muscat joining a long list of key Wellington players on the sidelines.



Radio broadcaster: 1035AM The Radio Network Wellington

Toughing Up For The Right Stuff

Head-to-Head: All matches (played 12): Phoenix wins 2, Victory wins 4 (6 draws)  
Odds: Phoenix 2.38 Draw 3.30 Victory 2.90

It means that in each of the first four games, Herbert will have been forced to make at least one change due to injury or suspension.

Muscat's suspension (red carded in the 1-0 loss at Perth Glory) will definitely hurt the Phoenix. He has been their best player in a start to the campaign that has seen them dominate all three matches but pick up only four points.

Somewhat alleviating the effect of Muscat's absence will be the return to the side of midfielder Tim Brown. He will slot straight back into midfield while James Downey is the front-runner to take Muscat's right-back

position. Wellington will be praying that Paul Ifill is fit and can aid player-coach Chris Greenacre at the front of their line.

But – as always – they will be hopeful and confident in front of their own fans. A decent crowd will greet them after Phoenix ownership this week opened the gates free for kids. Their last appearance at Westpac saw them completely dominate Newcastle Jets in a 2-0 win. Any performance resembling that against Victory should see them pick up three points this Sunday.

But in this match all eyes are likely to be on Rojas, who returns to where

he made a name for himself. Perhaps more importantly, he returns to face the fans, aggrieved by his acrimonious move across the Tasman. Should Rojas silence the Yellow Fever (no mean feat in New Zealand), his Melbourne side will have gone a long way to securing a first victory in a season that promised much but has so far failed to deliver.

The season is well underway now – the cobwebs are gone, the players are warmed up and both sides will be desperate for a win to kick start their campaigns.

Kiss of Death  
Phoenix 1-1 Victory



Line Ups

- 2. Matthew Foschini
- 3. Fabio
- 6. Leigh Broxham
- 7. Matthew Kemp
- 8. Grant Brebner
- 9. Jean Carlos Solorzano
- 10. Archie Thompson (c)
- 11. Marco Rojas
- 12. Rodrigo Vargas
- 13. Diogo Ferreira
- 14. Billy Celeski
- 15. Tom Pondeljak
- 16. Carlos Hernandez
- 18. Danny Allsopp
- 19. Isaka Cernak
- 20. Lawrence Thomas (GK)
- 21. Ante Covic (GK)
- 22. Harry Kewell
- 23. Adrian Leijer
- \*four to be omitted\*

In: 7. Matthew KEMP (promoted), 14. Billy CELESKI (promoted), 15. Tom PONDELJAK (promoted), 23. Adrian LEIJER (returns from suspension).  
Out: 4. Petar FRANJIC (omitted)  
Unavailable: Tando Velaphi (stress fracture)



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## Line Ups

1.Glen Moss [Gk]  
3.Michael Thwaite (C)  
4.Zac Anderson  
5.Kristian Rees  
6.Paul Beekmans  
8.Robson  
9.Joel Porter  
12.Dylan Macallister  
14.Ben Halloran  
15.Adama Traore  
16.Maceo Rigters  
18.James Brown  
20.Jerrad Tyson [Gk]  
21.Daniel Severino  
22.Peter Jungschlager  
23.Dylan McGowan  
27.Ambes Yosief  
29.Mitch Bevan.  
\*three to be omitted\*

In: 4.Zac Anderson, 21.Daniel Severino, 27.Ambes Yosief, 29.Mitch Bevan (All Promoted).  
Out: 2.Josh Brillante (International Duty).  
Unavailable: 13.Ante Rozic (Knee – 1 Week), 19.Chris Broadfoot (Ankle Injury – 6 Weeks).

## Gold Coast United v Newcastle Jets

Sun 30 Oct Skilled Park 5:00pm

By John Clark

The Jets travel to Skilled Park this Sunday hoping to get Gary Van Egmond's new regime off to a winning start. They certainly won't have it all their own ways though if the Gold Coast's first three weeks are anything to go by.

Last week Miron Bleiberg's men faced off against the reigning champions Brisbane and despite the lopsided score line, Gold Coast matched it with the Roar for most of the match. If Dylan McAllister's guided effort had settled in the back of the net rather than rattling the crossbar then who knows what the result might have ended up. History will show that it didn't and that the Roar was able to close the game out 3-0. A real positive for the Gold Coast was the debut of Dutchman Maceo Rigters, who if that game alone is anything to go by with bring some real quality to the Gold Coast attacking line.

The Jets will welcome their 3rd manager of the month, when championship winning manager Gary Van Egmond takes the reigns again after a couple of years work with the AIS. Van Egmond would have been impressed with what he saw in the first half on Sunday, as



Radio broadcaster: 1233 ABC Newcastle

## Van Egmond's Golden Return?

Head-to-Head: All matches (played 7): Gold Coast wins 3, Jets wins 3 (1 draw)  
Odds: Gold Coast 2.20 Draw 3.35 Jets 3.16

the Jets pushed up well on the Mariners not allowing them to pass out from the back and eventually forcing an error which Jeremy Brockie finished with class. The Mariners fought their way back into the contest in the second half, but Newcastle well and truly deserved the 3 points. Despite all that's happened off field the Jets find themselves in 3rd position having defeated the Mariners and Heart at home.

The last time these sides met it was the Gold Coast putting on a show in front of over 14,000 fans, as Clive Palmer threw open the

gates as part of 'flood relief'. The Gold Coast eventually prevailed 5-1 with now ex-striker Bruce Djite scoring a hat trick. If half that crowd turns up this weekend the Gold Coast administration will be stoked.

A particularly hard game to predict, but I have been impressed with how the Gold Coast have gone about it so far and I think that they'll have just enough to spoil Van Egmond's return to the managerial ranks.

Meanwhile, defensive stalwart Kristian Rees will return to the starting line-up this Sunday in what

will be his 99th match in the Hyundai A-League and his 54th for Gold Coast United.

A foundation player with Gold Coast, the 31-year-old has been a fixture in the heart of the defence for three seasons and with Ante Rozic ruled out for another week, Rees will resume his partnership with Michael Thwaite in United's rearguard.

Kiss of Death  
Gold Coast 1-0 Jets



## Line Ups

1. Ben Kennedy (gk)  
2. Taylor Regan  
4. Nikolai Topor-Stanley  
6. Ben Kantarovski  
7. Kasey Wehrman  
8. Jeremy Brockie  
10. Ruben Zadkovich  
11. Tarek Elrich  
12. Jobe Wheelhouse (c)  
13. Sung-Hwan Byun  
14. Labinot Haliti  
17. James Virgili  
18. Marko Jesic  
19. Matthew Nash  
22. Ali Abbas  
23. Ryan Griffiths  
\*one to be omitted\*

In: 12. Jobe Wheelhouse (returns from virus), 17. James Virgili (promoted)  
Out: 5. Tiago Calvano, Unavailable: Francis Jeffers (awaiting clearance)

# Leadership at Victory



Frustrations run high at Victory this week. Photo:ANITA MILAS

By Roy Hay

It is early days in the A-League season and far too soon to make judgments about the way the competition will evolve in 2011-12. However, there are worrying signs at Melbourne Victory as the club tries to integrate its new players into an effective match-winning operation.

Young Matthew Foschini accompanied coach Mehmet Durakovic to the post-match press conference on Sunday night after the derby match. He gave a very accomplished, though critical, account of the team's performance saying that it was 'a disgrace to be honest'. 'It is not the way we can play. Saying it is one thing doing it is another. We are not working hard enough for each other.' I asked was it a lack of on-field leadership following the retirement of Kevin Muscat, and the absence of the suspended Adrian Leijer. His reply was sensible and diplomatic. 'We have plenty of leaders. ... Not just one captain. We have just got to lift each other. We have all got to do our job or we are not going anywhere.'

Foschini's analysis is correct. It has to be a collective effort with team requirements taking precedence over individual concerns. But it is equally true that while the coach can change the structure, as Durakovic did at half-time to some effect, on-field leaders are required to ensure that instructions are carried out or amended if they are not working. You cannot ask the youngest members of the squad to assume that responsibility.

Archie Thompson has been a huge contributor to Victory from the very

beginning and someone who leads by performance rather than tactical awareness and direction. He also needs and wants to play closer to goal, so he is not in the best position to organise the lead-up play. Carlos Hernandez is struggling to find the form of last season and started on the bench in any case. Grant Brebner and Rodrigo Vargas are the most senior and experienced players and you would think they would have imposed themselves on the game and their colleagues. Again neither has been in stellar form this year and if you are struggling with your own game, it is much harder to maintain the respect which leads people to accept your instructions unquestioningly.

That leaves Harry Kewell, the talismanic figure who was supposed to be the capstone for the new Victory. Durakovic says he is not yet match fit, though he has played 90 minutes in each of the three games. But his impact has been episodic as he tries to fathom what his team-mates are doing and how he can maximise his own contribution. So it appears that there is a vacuum of on-field leadership which Victory needs to address if it is to succeed in the short run.

My good friend Grantley Bernard chided me, 'You are just missing Kevin Muscat. You want him back to get them putting a boot in.' But my suggestion is not that Victory needs more physicality, but more brain power and on-field tactical guidance from senior team members who are comfortable with their own game and able to exert the moral authority necessary to raise the standard of the collective effort.

## RECORD CROWDS FOR TOP FOOT-BALL FARE

WE'RE only three rounds into the A-League with a record attendance last week and the quality of football served up has been excellent, considering the long layoff.

It's also great to see some players working on their weaknesses. Take Nicky Carle, for instance, who actually scored with his right foot last week against Adelaide United.

Why did it take him all these years of playing professional football to realise that his right leg was not just for standing on?

Full marks to Carle and whoever it is at Sydney FC who's been working with him.

## HARPS, SLATS OK

I SUPPOSE you can't really chastise the commentators who continually refer to the player's weaker side but frankly I've had enough of this talk because in the modern game to be really effective, you need to be proficient on both sides.

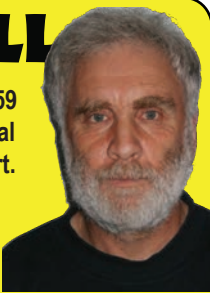
There's nothing wrong with Andy Harper and Robbie Slater sometimes commenting that defenders should force left-sided players onto their right side but a number of our other so-called expert commentators exhibit a limited knowledge of football strategy or technique with which to make such observations.



Adelaide's Eugene Galekovic smothers a raid from SFC's Nicky Carle. Photo: ADAM BUTLER

# BOOTS 'N ALL

Followed football in Australia since 1959 and mesmerised by European Cup final 1960 , Real Madrid v Eintracht Frankfurt. Played the game for 45 years before retirement but still refereeing senior amateur.



with Roger Sleeman

## NOT SIMPLY THE BEST

ANOTHER significant comment made by Harper was during Sydney's demise to Brisbane Roar in Round 2.

He questioned whether Sydney's was the best squad of players that could be selected to represent such a large city and wondered whether other players were being given a chance.

A perfect example was the debut of Alex Smith, the Sydney Olympic player, who played his first game with Wellington Phoenix last Sunday against Perth and more than impressed.

Surely it's about time clubs took a closer look at the State Leagues for senior players and as in Europe committed greater resources for talent scouting. It's a shame we still resort to importing second-rate players, although Brisbane of late have certainly got it right with Broich and Berisha.

## FORWARD IN NUMBERS

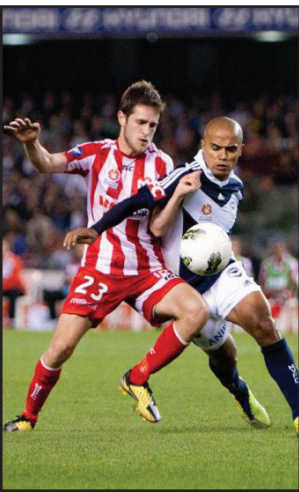
CRITICISM has been made of Harry Kewell's contribution in the Melbourne derby match, but if you look closely at a few of his telling passes in the first half and some splendid through balls in the second half, it was clear to all that Victory had enough chances to win the game.

If only Solorzano had more support in the front line during the second half, the game was there for the taking. So I say to Mehmet Durakovic if you want to win games, push more players forward in your opponent's defensive third and truly give support to your target man.

## SHOOTING BOOTS

MELBOURNE Heart also could've scored a number of goals but they didn't have the firepower.

Only Mate Dugandzic demonstrated



Mate Dugandzic was unlucky not to score for Heart. Photo:ANITA MILAS

a good enough shooting technique to trouble Ante Covic.

A typical example was after Dugandzic cut infield on a mazy run and laid the ball off to Michael Marrone only for the Heart defender to shoot weakly at the advancing Covic when he should've buried the ball in the back of the net.

It makes you wonder how much time is spent in training at perfecting shooting techniques when you view the poor quality of striking week-in week-out. How players could learn from 17-year-old Terry Antonis who extracts maximum venom in his shots and but for the reflexes of Eugene Galekovic was unlucky not to score two goals against Adelaide United.

## McGLINCHEY TO BLAME

SPARE a thought for poor Bradley Porter, the Central Coast defender, who has admirably filled the shoes of Alex Wilkinson but was blamed in many quarters for the goal conceded to Newcastle Jets.

Perhaps Porter should've played the ball wide from the back. However, it was Michael McGlinchey who showed himself to Porter so he could receive the ball in central midfield but didn't make up sufficient ground to win the ball or put pressure on an advanced Jeremy Brockie.



Alex Smith and Billy Mehmet. Photo: EDUARDO MORGAN



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# GOLD COAST UNITED



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Back row L-R: Daniel Bragg, Josh Brillante, Neko Vujevich, Ante Rozic, Jerrad Tyson, Glen Moss, Peter Jungschlager, Daniel Bowles, Matija Simic, Adama Traore, Adrian Cois (Strength & Conditioning Coach).

Middle row L-R: Brett Hodgkinson (Logistics), Greg King, Elliott Ronto, Aman Hadid, Dylan Macallister, Paul Beekmans, Zac Anderson, Krisitan Rees, Dylan McGowan, Golgol Mebrahtu, Koh Satake, Mitch Cooper, Mitch Bevan, Pat Hedges (2nd Asst Coach) Karyl Peyrolle (Physio).

Front row L-R: Joel Porter, Robson, Daniel Severino, Ben Halloran, Bobby Russell, Mike Mulvey (Asst Coach), Miron Bleiberg (Head Coach), Michael Thwaite (capt), Chris Harold, James Brown, Tahj Minniecon, Maceo Rigters, Jake Barker-Daish.

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# Affair of the Heart for Necevski



Sydney FC's Ivan Necevski spreads himself to thwart Dario Vidosic in last week's match against Adelaide United. Unfortunately Ivan was unable to prevent Vidosic from scoring, but still managed the last laugh as the Sky Blues ran out winners 2-1 to collect their first three points of the season. Photo: ADAM BUTLER

**IVAN Necevski can't wait to stride out onto AAMI Park on Saturday night to go head-to-head with former teammate Clint Bolton and renew his football love affair with Melbourne.**

"Melbourne is one of my favourite places to play. The crowds are good, the atmosphere is great and I just love it," said Sydney FC's No 1 goalkeeper.

There's a reason for that. He made his A-League debut in front of 28,000 boisterous Victory fans at what used to be known as Telstra Dome back in 2006 after replacing Newcastle Jets custodian Ben Kennedy in the 10th minute.

Necevski once likened the experience to a "Rocky" movie. He made save after save and after the Jets stole all three points an exasperated Victory coach Ernie Merrick named Necevski as his man of the match.

"We had at least three one-on-ones with the keeper and failed to score with any of them," said Merrick at the time.

But the honour currently in Necevski's hands at Sydney has been like a hot potato in recent times, tossed between him and his pal Liam Reddy. Take last season for example.

"Yeah, we kind of chopped and changed last season. I think Liam had 10 games then I had a run of 10 games then we sort of mixed it up a bit from there.

"I'd be in goal one minute then on the bench the next."

But before we go any further there's a media gaffe from last week hanging over Necevski's head and he wants to clear this one up immediately.

He was asked during a media op-

portunity leading up to the Adelaide clash whether he thought he was a No 1 keeper.

"I took that to mean whether I thought I was the No 1 keeper at Sydney and I said yes but it came out as me saying that I thought I was the No 1 keeper in the A-League.

"Everyone thought that I had tickets on myself but I'm not like that. I'm a confident guy but I'm not going to say that I'm the best. There's a lot of really good keepers out there.

"I reckon that I've got a lot more to learn and if the time ever comes that I consider myself to be the best there is then I'll stop playing," he said with a laugh.

While there's a healthy rivalry between Necevski and Reddy it starts and finishes on the pitch.

"Our families know each other and we get on well but we're competing for just one spot. I'm his main competitor and I hope he thinks that of me too. That's how we get the best out of each other."

Goalkeeping runs deep in Necevski's blood. His grandfather and uncle were goalies in the family's native Macedonia and his father played in goal for Rockdale Ilinden after arriving in Australia in the 1960s.

Necevski himself boasts a remarkable CV. Not many players can say that they played with a Serbian club (Bonnyrigg White Eagles), a Croatian club (Sydney United), a Macedonian club (Rockdale) and a Greek club (Canterbury-Marickville) and survived to tell the tale.

"I've never let that sort of stuff (politics) affect me. I've always wanted to go where I thought I'd

get the best opportunity and those clubs were great stepping stones to get into the A-League and I'm very, very grateful to all of them for what they've done for my career."

Add Connells Point Rovers, Rooty Hill, Illawarra Lions, Blacktown, New Zealand Knights and the Jets to that list and it is complete.

Auburn-born Necevski started playing with Connells Point Rovers under-8s and had stars in his eyes from day one.

"I'd always get to NSL games, especially St George, Sydney United and Marconi and watch the goalkeepers in action. And I'd watch them on TV. I didn't have a goalkeeping coach until I was about 13 or 14 so I'd try and learn from watching these guys playing and I always aspired to step into their shoes one day."

Three of his heroes were John Filan, Zeljko Kalac and Mark Schwarzer and he's delighted that his football journey has heavily involved two of them.

Former AC Milan custodian "Spider" Kalac is Sydney FC's current goalkeeping coach, a position he inherited in August from ex-Blackburn and Wigan keeper Filan.

"They are two totally different goalkeeping coaches. One's background is English-based, the other's is European-based.

"They have a different mentality towards goalkeeping. 'Spider' is more about attacking the ball and diving around at training whereas John would use cones a lot more.

"I like to think that I've taken the positives from both their methods and put them to good use."

Necevski also put the open-door policy of head coach Viteslav Lav-

icka to good use last season when things weren't going his way.

"Viteslav always chats to us, always gives us positives. He's always there for us. We can go into his office and sit down and chat to him and I did that a few times last year. I wanted to see what I had to do to get back into the team and Viteslav is very open and honest about things like that."

**"Everyone thought that I had tickets on myself but I'm not like that. I'm a confident guy but I'm not going to say that I'm the best. There's a lot of really good keepers out there."**

The fact that Necevski is in his fifth season with Sydney and sixth A-League season overall is testament to his perseverance because the door of opportunity has slammed shut in his face more than once.

His first taste of the A-League came during the 2006 pre-season when he signed a short-term deal with New Zealand Knights. And for "short" read two games.

"They told me up front that it was only for two games because they had a keeper injured, one was overseas and I think another was getting married so there was no great expectation on my behalf but it was good to get a taste of what the A-League is about."

His next short-term deal was with the Jets and although he only

made three appearances with the club he was bitterly disappointed when his full-time contract hopes were dashed.

"I thought the Newcastle deal was a good opportunity for me and I really thought that I'd warranted a contract but they didn't see it that way."

A spell with Blacktown in the NSWPL followed before he joined Sydney in 2007 as back-up for Bolton and although he didn't get a lot of game time during the Bolton era he likes to think that he made a contribution to the club's success.

"I'd like to give myself some credit for pushing Clint. He's a quiet guy off the field but very, very competitive on it.

"When he left (to join Heart) I thought that this was my opportunity to step up and cement my spot. I thought that after my time there I'd be given the No 1 shirt but the club thought differently. Obviously they wanted two class goalkeepers vying for the spot."

And Sydney got what it wanted. No tantrum from Necevski when Reddy joined, no falling out with the club, in fact a response that was more stoic than stereotypical as he knuckled down to the task of winning the coveted main man tag.

"I know that goalkeepers are supposed to be crazy but I'm not like that. I don't get flustered about anything. I'm a pretty mellow sort of person.

"I'm not the sort of guy that loses the plot."

And if you want an insight into just what sort of guy he is then look no further than his attitude towards the two teenage goalkeepers in Sydney's youth squad, Ryan Nor-

val and Marko Bozic.

"The way I look at is that we are there for them any time they need anything. We're there to be their mentors and to give them any advice they ask for. I think that's part of our role at the club.

"They are both very good boys, very talented. Ryan was on the bench last week (against Adelaide) and it's great that they get a bit of a sniff of what it's all about."

And what of Necevski's own ambitions?

"Well, in the short term I'm expecting to perform well and keep my spot. I've got another year left on my contract and after that who knows what might happen.

"If anything was to arise overseas that would be great. A few things have cropped up in the past few years but when me and my wife had a little boy I much preferred for him to be born here and to go to school here.

"I'm a Sydney boy and I want to play for Sydney but if the chance came to play overseas then it's something that I'd have to look at closely."

But that's some way down the track. Right now he's thinking about getting three points against Heart and perhaps gently ribbing his mate Bolton when they get together after Saturday's clash.

It's a big game for both clubs, more so Heart who have yet to record a win this season. But it's also a big game for Necevski. If he can back up his performance against Adelaide then he'll have kept his grip firmly on that No 1 spot and continue the great rivalry that drives him and Reddy on from one game to the next.



# Future looks bright for young Heart starter

Kristian Konstandinidis is a Central Defender born on May the 19th 1992 in Melbourne to Greek parents. He earned himself a contract with Melbourne Heart's Youth Team for their inaugural National Youth League (NYL) season. John Aloisi and his staff noticed Kristian when he played for Bulleen Lions FC in State League One two seasons ago. The Heart noticed his rapid improvement during the 2011 Victorian Premier League with Northcote City and then decided to sign him.

Although he was not expecting to play much at Northcote, he ended up playing 22 of the 24 games during the season. His season was topped off with Northcote winning the inaugural Mirabella Cup against Melbourne Knights at AAMI Park.

Signing for Melbourne Heart was an obvious decision for a young Footballer and he has ambitions to gain a senior contract and eventually move to Europe.

I sat down with Kristian to talk Melbourne Heart, Northcote City and Football.

#### Earliest football Memory:

Probably I used to play as a Striker when I was about 9 years old. I scored a goal from outside the box with my opposite foot. It was the first goal that I had scored.

#### Why don't you play striker anymore?

Because I used to do Athletics and I used to be pretty good at sprinting, pretty quick and then when I stopped doing Athletics but I prefer to be reading the game and I prefer defending than attacking.

#### Football idols:

Steven Gerrard. He probably would be my favourite player at Liverpool. But more recently I don't mind, being closer to the A-League and being at Melbourne Heart I like Simon Colosimo. I think he is a good player; he is someone I look at and admire when he plays. But Steven Gerrard is probably my biggest Football idol.

#### Goal in football career:

To make it as far and as big as I can. Obviously I am realistic in what I do but I would really love to play in Europe somewhere. Whether it is England, Germany or Spain it doesn't matter. I want to play first team football at a European club at a European level.

#### What made you want to play football?

I think growing up I played lots of sports. Basketball, Tennis and Footy at the same time. It came to the time where I had to choose between Soccer and Football. Not too sure why, what I like about it. I think it's just how a team can work together and a defensive line and save the team. They can transfer the ball to the front end and a team can win it by one kick and I think that is what made me really like the game, working close with your teammates to change the game.

#### Which club do you wish to play for?

Liverpool because they are the team I grew up following. If I can eventually get there that will be the ultimate for me.

#### What are your strengths?

Because I'm a pretty tall fella and I used to play Football. I like getting up in air, reading the game, like to get up and intercept the ball in the air through a header or get forward off a corner and score. Also I am pretty quick so I use my speed to make up for my strengths and try and be in the right place at the right time before anyone else and good awareness.

#### What are your weaknesses?

At the moment my distribution is not up to the level. Obviously my weaker footer is not as strong as my good foot which I always am working on. Also my talking is not bad I just need to make my communication better in games.

#### How well do you think you have done this past season in the VPL for Northcote City?

Yeah I think my year at Northcote was a quite successful one. For the club playing in State One then going into Premier League I made the transition pretty well. Having played in 22 of 24 games I think I had a successful season. I did pretty well in our Best and Fairest Count. I think it



Kristian (third from the left) at the Melbourne Heart NYL official squad announcement. The other players are Jeremy Walker, Dusan Bosnjak, and Brad Treloar. PHOTO: REBECCA MAY



Celebrating winning the Mirabella Cup with Northcote City after defeating Melbourne Knights 2-1 in the final back in September. PHOTO: DANIEL FLIS

was really successful for me even though it was more about playing then playing well but I think I managed to tick both boxes.

#### Do you do anything different or special in training to improve as a player?

Yeah, I think being a central defender I try and work on my poor strength or distribution. Weather it is after everyone has finished I'll work on my distribution after every has left. I'll and pass the ball at the level I should be. I just try and work on my weaknesses. Try and pass on my left instead of my right foot because my good foot is always my good foot whereas I can always work on my weaker foot.

#### Do you do anything different or special in training to impress the coach/manager?

I guess I just give my all at training. Not going to do anything that I do differently. I have always have got goals at training so I will always do them which includes giving my hardest and working hard for myself. If the coach recognises it then that is great. I always make sure I meet my training goals as well as coaches training goals every session.

#### Do you feel pressure to perform?

Not really, I think especially with The Youth Team It's not so much about the results. It's about making sure we play good. I don't pressure myself to perform my best because obviously I'll set myself for failure but I always try my best and if I play well then I play well. There is no point in putting

pressure on yourself to perform because in the end of the day I will just set myself up for failure. I always try my hardest to my best. I try and enjoy Football; if you are not enjoying it you won't play good football. I always enjoy Football then hoping I play the best.

#### Are you happy with your current club situation?

Yeah of course, I am stoked. I'm on board with the Heart Youth Team. It's a really good atmosphere and really good environment down there. They look after us at training and come game day. Really am looking forward to the season and I got to meet a few of the boys from the senior team too. Good bunch of boys.

#### How many games did you play this season for Northcote in the VPL?

There were 24 games. I played 22 of them, miss one through suspension and was rested for the other. I was pretty happy with that. I played most of The Mirabella cup. I Played 5 of the 6 games. So I had a pretty big season in terms of games played.

#### Were you pleased with the amount of game time?

Oh yeah of course. I was stoked. I went to Northcote not really expecting that much. Thought I will be training and hopefully get a game. I was picked for the First Team for round one and was quite happy with my performance and I ended up getting on the scoresheet a few times. I was wrapped

with the amount of games I played; I really was not expecting it. It was a real eye opener as well.

#### What did you learn from your experience with Northcote City in the VPL?

From being in VPL I learnt it's a big world of Football out there. More things than just the training grounds and club rooms. It goes back to what you do out of your Football Life. Of course you got to train hard and you got to be playing hard but really it comes down to making sure you a ready to give it all. League like The Premier League like any league it requires you to give it your all or you will be found out.

#### You have signed on with Melbourne Heart. Why Melbourne Heart?

I signed with Heart because I had a few chats with John Aloisi before the signing happened. He always told me how he had been to watch games that I had played in a year and a half ago. Not only did I enjoy hearing that he looked into it and obviously studied, put a lot of time and effort in it but he had seen a lot of games. As a team we were set up and closely watched. It's a youth team gig so I was more than happy to sign on and hopefully be taking it and possibly move on to bigger and better things later on.

#### Were there any other offers from any other clubs?

Nah not really. I didn't really talk to anyone else really to be honest. It was just Melbourne Heart who approached me

and I always was really happy to go there. I didn't go out of my way to talk to anyone else. I was really happy to go to Melbourne Heart and I never bothered to try anywhere else.

#### What are you hopes for this upcoming NYL season?

Obviously we are a youth league team. We are not so dependent on the results we get. Obviously we want to win but my personal ambition is to get a senior contract. That is my personal ambition to hopefully get a senior contract. In terms of the team hopefully we can get a few good results so hopefully we can win our fair share of games and be there come the end of the year.

#### So this A-League season you are on a youth contract. What are your chances in breaking into the senior squad?

It's something that I am not the person to ask. Obviously I look at from my perspective and it is always an opportunity. It happened to me at Northcote, when someone gets injured, you get thrown straight in. Obviously I don't wish any injuries upon anyone but if the chance does come to me I really hope I can take it. It's just one little injury away from being thrown straight in. My chances are what I make of them.

#### With Melbourne Heart joining the NYL this season you and other younger players must be pleased that Melbourne Heart now have a youth team?

Yeah I mean there are a quite a few young

boys in senior squad .That is what obviously Heart is about. They play a good attractive style of Football. Now the youth team has actually started there will be quite a few players if not getting game time for the first team they will play with The Youth Team. We are not so worried about that. We will use that as a bonus if we have got senior boys coming down we obviously will perform better. It just makes more competition for the Youth Team as well.

#### You must be excited to work with former Socceroo John Aloisi?

Yeah, he is a real big guy and he is a good coach. He is down to earth when push comes to shove. He trains up real hard it's really good to having him as a coach. It is obviously beneficiary for us, he can share his experiences; share his experience with us when playing for Australia, with Heart and across Europe. It is a real credit for Melbourne Heart to have in here as a coach. He is a good coach and like I said he works hard.

#### How has preseason been with preparations for the NYL?

Like I said, training and games have been quite tough. We have been training pretty hard, we haven't had time to get together and gel. I am pretty sure we work well when we train because our trainings have been good. Obviously it is the first Youth League and I am not sure what to expect that it is quite quick and the pace is quite high. We try and emulate that in training by having the pace high and with the tempo. So preparations have been good, we are ready for the new season coming up.

#### You must be excited for Melbourne Heart's inaugural NYL season?

Yeah I am really looking forward to it. Can't wait and I hope we can get some results but also play some good football. Hopefully Heart can do well in The Youth League; hopefully we can have a few players that go on for bigger and better things for the senior team. Really looking forward to it and can't wait!

#### This past VPL season with Northcote City was your first season. It has been a quick rise to NYL level hasn't it?

Yeah it has obvious, the VPL is what is and I know The Youth League is quicker than the VPL. The VPL has good players. At every level you do the same thing just with better players. Got used to the VPL but now have to get used to Youth League because it is a complete different game of Soccer. It is Football but it's quite similar in the way things happen.

#### You must be grateful for what Northcote City has done for your career?

Oh massively grateful. I had lots of chats with Northcote before I actually went there. I was going there not expecting too much but it is a really good club in terms of the people there and that way it is run and I when I was told I will be starting round one I was really excited and shocked. I think come round two I got given more excited and shocked .But the guys at Northcote really helped me out heaps. It is a real credit to them because they are a real good bunch of guys at the club and they give opportunity to young guys like me.

#### You played in the Mirabella Cup Final vs. Melbourne Knights at AAMI Park. What did you think of AAMI Park?

Yeah that was obviously the ultimate gig which Northcote achieved. It was a really big buzz at the club. We went there and pre-game everyone was smiling and really enjoying themselves. We just soaked in all what AAMI Park was all about. As it happened we came out victorious 2-0. It was a real big buzz as it was the first Mirabella cup win for the club and it was a good thing to be part of especially at a place like AAMI Park.

#### Would you consider playing for Greece if you got the opportunity?

If I didn't have anything ultimate then I'd probably would. Nah of course. It's a national experience. You come against players you only dream about and you play at stadiums you only dream about playing at. Whether it is Greece or Australia, it doesn't matter who you are playing for of course you have to consider playing national Football.



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Sunday October 30th  
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Monday October 31st  
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11:30 PM The World Game

SBS TWO  
Monday October 31st  
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Wednesday 2 November  
SBS ONE  
6.30am (aedt) Live - UCL Arsenal v Marseille

SBS TWO  
9.30pm - UCL Valencia v Bayer Leverkusen

Thursday 3 November  
SBS ONE  
6.30am (aedt) Live - UCL Bayern Munich v Napoli

Friday 4 November  
SBS ONE  
6.45am (aedt) Europa League Live - Atletico Madrid v Udinese

Saturday 5 November  
SBS TWO  
7.00pm - Europa League Rubin Kazan v Tottenham Hotspur



Saturday 29-Oct  
Bundesliga Round 11 Freiburg v Leverkusen 5:25am LIVE  
Scottish Premier League Round 13  
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Sunday 30-Oct  
Scottish Premier League Round 13  
Celtic v Hibernian 12:55am LIVE  
Bundesliga Round 11 Mainz v Werder Bremen 3:25am LIVE  
Eredivisie Round 11 Twente v PSV 5:40am LIVE  
Primera Division Round 13 Boca Juniors v Atletico Rafaela 8:10am LIVE  
Ligue 1 Round 12 PSG v Caen 4:45pm 1st Airing  
Ligue 1 Round 12 Lyon v St Etienne 6:30pm 1st Airing  
Eredivisie Round 11 Roda v Ajax 8:00pm 1st Airing

Monday 31-Oct  
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Bundesliga Round 11 Hamburg v Kaiserslautern 3:25am LIVE  
Ligue 1 Round 12 Toulouse v v Rennes 6:15am 1st Airing  
Primera Division Round 13 Teams TBC 8:10am LIVE  
Ligue 1 Round 12 Valenciennes v Lille 10:15am 1st Airing  
Eredivisie Round 11 Heracles v AZ 12:00pm 1st Airing

Thursday 3-Nov  
Copa Sudamericana Quarter Final 1st Leg Teams TBC 8:55am LIVE  
Copa Sudamericana Quarter Final 1st Leg Teams TBC 11:45am LIVE  
J-League Round 31 Teams TBC 4:00pm LIVE



Thursday 27th October  
02:30 am Liverpool TV Liverpool V Norwich City  
05:30 am FA Cup Classics Fulham V Tottenham Hotspur 5th Round 06/07

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Tuesday 01st November  
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Wednesday 02nd November  
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06:00 am Arsenal TV Chelsea V Arsenal

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04:00 am Magic Of The FA Cup



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Sun Oct 30 Norwich v Blackburn 12.53 am  
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Sun Oct 30 Sunderland v A Villa 12.53 am  
Viewers Choice  
Sun Oct 30 Swansea v Bolton 12.53 am  
Viewers Choice  
Sun Oct 30 Wigan v Fulham 12.53 am  
Viewers Choice  
Sun Oct 30 West Brom v Liverpool 3.23 am  
Mon Oct 31 Tottenham v QPR 2.53 am  
Tue Nov 1 Stoke v Newcastle 6.53 am

NPOWER CHAMPIONSHIP  
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DELAY  
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Every Saturday 10.30am



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NAME: India  
CAPITAL: New Delhi  
POPULATION: (2011 census) 1,210,193,422  
CONFEDERATION: AFC  
FIFA WORLD RANKING: 163rd  
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Asian Cup runners-up 1964; Asian Games gold-medalists 1951, 1962; South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Cup champions 1993, '97, '99, 2005, '09; AFC Challenge Cup champions 2008; Nehru Cup champions 2007, '09.

WHO ARE YA?

The second-most populous nation on Earth, the Republic of India is situated in South (Subcontinental) Asia, and its rich history and culture is intertwined with virtually every other nations in the region to some extent. It is a diverse mix of cultures stretching back millennia, and is the birthplace of faiths such as Hinduism, Buddhism and Sikhism. In the ensuing centuries of the second millennium AD, the Islamic faith in turn took root in this part of the world, bringing with it its own distinct culture/traditions adding to the already-exotic cultural cocktail. This ground to a halt upon colonial excursions by Western empires - first the Portuguese and then more permanently the British, introducing their own customs - not least sporting ones. It was not until the 20th Century, the end of World War II to be precise, that this ancient land finally achieved its goal of political independence, albeit at dire cost - first the partition of the predominantly-Muslim western sector, becoming its own country PAKISTAN, and the subsequent slaying of beloved political/religious leader Mohandas 'Mahatma' Gandhi - a man who had advocated political change through non-violent means. The strained relations between India and her Muslim-majority neighbour have dictated the region's geopolitics virtually ever since.

SO WHAT YOU DONE?

India is, of course, to cricket what Brazil is to football and is also renowned for field hockey. Football is clearly not a sport that comes to mind when one thinks of India, and yet arguably no other country played a bigger role in pioneering football on the Asian continent. This was, of course, as with cricket due to the English colonial influence. The

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India break their international football drought with the 2007 Nehru Cup.

country's two super-clubs (discussed below) are the oldest-known surviving in all Asia, and India played a pivotal role in founding the Asian Football Confederation.

Records suggest that prior to independence in the late 1940s, football and not cricket was closer to the nation's sporting heart. It appears to be no coincidence that Indian football's inability to eke out a prominent niche for itself on the global stage during the 1950s-60s coincided with the national cricket team becoming the global force we know today. The fact remains that football is to this day quite popular in this billion-strong nation, so certainly it is no mere case of battling cricket for hearts and minds. As we in Australia would know all too well, more than likely the answer lies in bureaucratic bungling and lack of direction.

It may well have been all so different if India had, upon qualifying for the 1950 World Cup in Brazil, abide by the rules and instructed the national team to wear boots instead of playing with bandaged feet as was their habit. The Asian WC debutants stood their ground on this issue and were promptly disqualified... never again to come even close to qualifying. That said the country won the 1951 Asian Games football gold-medal and finished 4th at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics, where they defeated the Olyroos (depleted of star and Oz football legend Joe Marston due to his pro status in England for Preston North End) 4-2...the last football meeting between the two nations until this year. They also finished second at the 1964 Asian



Map of football powerhouse, India

one-day cricket strip. The current away strip is predominantly orange.

MATCHWINNERS

Baichung Bhutia is India's best-known player, having been the first to play professionally in England when he joined Bury in the late '90s. He enjoyed a much-more illustrious career at home though, playing for both Mohun and Bengal along the way. Other names of note are current national keeper Subrata Pal, who despite the enormity of his task at the Asian Cup was not completely disgraced; striker Sunil Chhetri, the first Indian to play in the MLS for Kansas; as well as current national skipper Climax Lawrence and centre-back Gouramangi Singh, who unsuccessfully trialled with the Melbourne Heart before the start of last A-League season.

SO WHAT NOW?

With India having been eliminated from WC 2014 qualifying by the UAE, the Blue Tigers have a series of hurt-easing friendlies to look forward to (in particular against South Africa and a glamour fixture against Bayern Munich in January!). Ultimately the game's great white hope is that some of India's cashed-up billionaires, like the Venky's group currently in charge of Blackburn Rovers, will shift their attention from overseas clubs to the domestic scene, cricket IPL-style. Until then it is safe to assume that Indian football will remain fiscally-stunted from developing and eating at the big table any time soon.

BIG CLUBS

Mohun Bagan and East Bengal, dating back to 1889 and 1920 respectively are the contestants of Kolkata/Calcutta's eternal derby, the flagship fixture of domestic Indian football. Between them they have won over 40 IFA Shields (India's national cup comp) although they have not been as dominant in the current I-League era (the new national league that was established in 2007). Mohun's maiden IFA Shield win in 1911 was historic as it was the first cup win by a 'native' side over British opposition (back then the competition was the domain of British amateurs, usually police or army sides). Mohammedan Sporting, Dempo SC, Sporting Clube de Goa and Churchill Brothers also command pedigree and/or sizable supporter bases.

REP YOUR COLORS

Nicknamed the Blue Tigers (although the handle 'Bhangra Boys' is also used), the Indian NT plays in a royal blue/turquoise w/orange/white-trimmed number not entirely unlike the Indian

**HOT:** The Manchester derby: 6-1 to the Blue half of the City!! Despite their recent turmoil regarding Tevez, the Blues lifted for the occasion in the most impeccable manner - inflicting their biggest-margin win over United in 80+ years, as well as Sir Alex's biggest career defeat as a player AND manager (his words!)...and to top it all off, it was at Old Trafford! Not since City's 5-1 shellacking of the Red Devils in 1989 (another rare Fergie low-point) has the blue half of Manchester sneered so much at the cross-town colossus. Following this win, belief at City will be at an all-time high...can they win the title? It's certainly not impossible!

**NOT:** Whatever it is that is plaguing Melbourne Victory's winless & goalless start to the A-League season. Whether coaching or player-related, or something else, the penny must drop sooner than later, as the club simply cannot take for granted gates of 39/40,000 at Etihad every game there. Keeping in mind the certain bulk of those masses are recent converts/casual attendees not keen on 0-0 draws (and dour, uninspiring ones at that), as well as the simple fact that Victory has played nowhere near its potential. It's a given that six years of Ernie Merrick was unlikely to be 'undone' in one pre-season, but the disjointed performance in the derby against Heart must raise questions regardless. Hopefully things will lift come the next home fixture against reigning champs/competition benchmark the Roar, because they simply must!



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# Jonesy: The Macedonian Marvel

John Markovski



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With Roy Hay

John Markovski was a freakishly talented phenomenon. A big rawboned teenager he burst on to the football world at the age of 15 when John Gardiner brought him on as substitute for Sunshine George Cross against West Adelaide Hellas in the National Soccer League on 31 March 1986. He was still two weeks shy of his 16th birthday.

Alan Crisp noted his impact, though calling him Markovic, but the Soccer Action crew spotted his talent immediately and the headline was 'Markovski and Lennon take the shine off Hellas'. Next week he came off the bench to score the winner in a two-one victory over Green Gully. He made his full debut on 5 May 1986 away to JUST, when the Georgies went down by two goals to one. Later that month he played for Victoria in the national youth championships. In his first senior season he played 24 games and scored 5 goals as the Georgies reached the finals for the first and only time. The Georgies beat Heidelberg but succumbed to JUST in the semi-final of the Southern Division.

Two more good years for Sunshine George Cross followed then he began a peripatetic career that would take him to Preston Makedonia, Melbourne Croatia, Marconi, Morwell Falcons, Altona Magic, Canberra Cosmos, Carlton, Perth Glory, Auckland Kingz and back to Preston. He had more than one spell with some of these clubs. In 1993-94 at the Falcons he scored 11 goals in 22 appearances, more than a third of the total scored by the team. It was a significant return for a player who was not always an out and out striker.

In 1987 he was part of the Young Soceroos who qualified for and played in the World Youth Cup in Chile. He gained his first senior cap in 1990 coming on to replace Aurelio Vidmar against Moscow Torpedo at Olympic Park in February. Then in 1992 he was part of the Olyroos squad which reached the final tournament in Barcelona, and scored the first goal in the critical group game against Denmark. In the quarter-finals, the Olyroos met Sweden led by Thomas Brodin and the nucleus of the team which was to finish

third in the World Cup in the USA only two years later. Brodin was injured and left the field after half-an-hour but Australia was already ahead through a Markovski half-volley from a Carl Veart cross. When big Shaun Murphy deflected another Vidmar shot for a second goal in 56 minutes, it looked all over, though Sweden did reply quickly through Andersson. Australia went all the way to the bronze medal match and Markovski played for part of both the semi final against Poland and the play-off versus Ghana. He regarded this tournament as the highlight of his representative career.

From 1990 to 1998 he had twenty caps for Australia. His one international goal at senior level came against Japan in 1995. That year he also played against Colombia, Ghana, Argentina and New Zealand.

In 1995 in the national league off-season he joined Altona Magic. The Magic and Bulleen played off in the grand final of the Victorian Premier League and drew two-all at the end of normal time. A magical intervention by Markovski in the first minute of extra-time, when he headed home a cross from Rooney medalist Chris Emsovski, proved to be the winner for the team from Paisley Park. The other scorers in a high quality final were Dale White with two goals for Bulleen and Ice Kutlesovski and Nick Georgopoulos for Altona.

Markovski was part of the Melbourne Knights team which won the 1995-96 NSL title beating Marconi two-one in the final. That gave the Knights back-to-back championships. He played in Carlton's first season in 1997-98 helping the club to the grand final in the NSL where only a late goal by Con Boutsianis enabled South Melbourne to claim the title. Markovski scored 11 goals in 21 matches for the Blues that year. In 1998-99 he helped Perth Glory to the Preliminary final in the NSL where they went down to Sydney United.

Big John was known as 'Jonesy' and he had a constant battle to keep his weight under control. But his touch was superb and he had a thunderous shot and tremendous vision when he was playing. You always got the sense that he was enjoying his football and was



John Markovski and Con Opasinis (left) in a sprint to gain possession. Photo: Les Shorrock. Deakin University Library.

prepared to try anything to engineer a result for his team. A few people were critical of him, believing he could have got more from his range of talents, but he gave so much excitement to the fans that any reservations need to be qualified.

In 2002 he began as a coach at Preston with immediate success, taking the club to the Victorian Premier League title that year. An epic grand final saw Preston Lions defeat minor premiers Fawkner Blues by two goals to one. John Sapazovski nearly scored in the first minute in what turned out to be a Rooney Medal-winning performance. Two early injuries depleted the Lions, but Sapsazovski was on hand to tap in the opener after Robert Dolevski challenged Blues' keeper Steven Tilovski. Ante Deak set up Frank Tramontana for Fawkner's equaliser and the game went into extra-time when Nick Cuculevski spotted hesitation in the Blues' defence to chip the winner. From 2004 to 2006 Markovski coached Fawkner Blues, then he had a season back at Sunshine George Cross. Markovski coached Preston again in 2008.

In 2011 he is still involved, helping Dave Stack to prepare the Box Hill Under-15s for a tilt at the Manchester United cup next year.



A young John Markovski takes on Vlado Stosic of JUST. Photo: Les Shorrock. Deakin University Library



Three superstars. Alan Davidson and Josip Biskic of Melbourne Croatia and John Markovski. Photo: Les Shorrock. Deakin University Library.



John Markovski celebrates winning the Victorian Premier League in his first season as coach in 2002. Source: Preston Lions website.



# Heart earn bragging rights in derby opener

By Daniel Quinn

## Melbourne Heart take the points in Youth Derby

John Aloisi's Melbourne Heart beat Melbourne Victory 2-0 in their debut NYL game at John Cain Memorial Reserve on Sunday.

Victory went into the game with new coach Darren Davies at the helm and Billy Celeski, Matthew Kemp and Diogo Ferreira but the experienced trio couldn't save their blushes. Rutger Worm was Heart's only overage player as his continued his recovery with a solid first-half performance.

Heart had most of the chances through, Brodie Patterson and Stipo Andrijašević and held possession well in the first-half. During the first-half Victory were forced to shooting from wide angles through Hernan Espindola and Dado Lokvancic. But it was Heart through Andrijašević who opened the scoring. Tucked it home after Craig Goodwin hit the post.

On 51 minutes the second-half got off with derby-like incidents. Sebastian Mattei, a former Victory Goalkeeper connected with Hernan Espindola as he tried to clear. On 61 minutes Zac Walker came on for goal scorer Stipo Andrijašević and made an impact only ten minutes later and made it 2-0. An easy tap in from 6 yards out after captain Dusan Bosnjak's flick on header. Walker who last played for West Adelaide Hellas FC coached by John Aloisi's brother Ross comes with an impressive goal scoring record.

Victory had a chance to get one back on 89 minutes when Nick Ansell failed to put away Hernan Espindola's corner. But the derby-like atmosphere wasn't over when during stoppage time a group of Melbourne Victory fans threw flares onto the pitch delaying the game for 4 minutes. After two minutes more of play the final whistle went with Melbourne Heart winning the debut game against City Rivals Melbourne Victory 2-0.

## Mariners and Jets draw Opener

Central Coast Mariners and Newcastle Jets have finished the opening game of the 2011/12 NYL season with a 1-1 draw.

Former Sydney and North Queensland striker Chris Payne scored the opener on 18 minutes with the first real chance of the game. For the rest of the first-half Newcastle Jets dominated in the attacking third with James Virgili and Mario Simic.

Mustafa Amini played his first competitive game since the Under 20 World Cup with an impressive 60 min-



Heart take out the honours in the opening round of the NYL with a 2-0 derby win over rivals Victory.  
Photo: ANITA MILAS

utes where he ran through the centre of the Jets defence to give Kwabena Appiah-Kubi an easy finish from close range. Appiah-Kubi yet again on 70 minutes created a great chance for Mitchell Duke but the Newcastle defence saved their blushes.

Central Coast captain Jimmy Oates almost scored a stunning strike two minutes into stoppage time when his 25 yard strike was magnifically saved by Jets 'Keeper Jack Duncan.

## Glory's experience pays off against The AIS

Goals from Joey Jesse Makarounas, Adam Taggart and Australian Marquee Forward Mile Sterjovski secured the three points over the AIS on Saturday at Macedonia Park.

Perth Glory had several senior players including, Adam Hughes, Evan Berger and new signing Steve Pantelidis. But it was the youthful AIS squad who had the first chance after Stefan Mauk's cross was found by Anthony Proia but his header was well saved by the Glory 'keeper. Sterjovski was involved in most of Perth's attacks with his through ball being shot wide of the post by Adam Taggart. Just seconds before half-time Adam Hughes' shot was fumbled by

Paul Izzo which then fell for Makarounas, who easily tapped home.

Early into the second-half Taggart added his name to the score sheet with a nice finish after great build up work by marquee man Sterjovski. Perth continued to push for a third but AIS 'keeper Izzo made some brilliant saves to deny the third. But on 70 minutes the game was wrapped up with Sterjovski burying a penalty after Josh Risdon was fouled in the box. The AIS had one last chance for redemption with Boahene shooting just wide with 18 minutes left of play.

## Two second-half strikes cancel each other out

Adelaide United and Sydney FC have drawn 1-1 at Leichardt Oval on Saturday on a warm Sydney day.

The first-half was lacklustre where both 'keepers were not troubled. Nicholas Munro and Jake Monaco were the saviours for Adelaide as Munro denied Jared Lum and Monaco cleared off the line after a Joel Chianese header.

Sydney came out the better team in the second-half with Mitchell Mallia shooting just wide. Mallia wasn't to be denied with his next opportunity on 50 minutes as he scored after a cut-back

from the right flank. Adelaide knew they had to create some chances and did so with captain Evan Kostopoulos who put a header over the bar from a teammates cross. However the same move paid off as Liam Wooding headed home from close range after a perfect ball on 72 minutes.

Sydney did have a late chance to win it with Hassan Daramy on 90 minutes as his looping attempt was put over by Munro with his fingertips. It finished 1-1 with the spoils being shared.

## Brisbane Roar upset Reigning Champs

Brisbane Roar has upset Reigning Champs Gold Coast United 2-0 at Cleveland Showgrounds on Saturday afternoon. Gold Coast started with A-league forward Tahj Minniecon and Young Socceroo Jake Barker-Daish.

Brisbane's line-up included former North Queensland Fury Defender Jack Hingert and Nicholas Fitzgerald.

On 15 minutes Gold Coast had the first real chance through Barker-Daish but Matt Acton saved with his right hand to keep the game scoreless. Brisbane didn't really have an opportunity until 22 minutes in when

## Results

CC Mariners 1:1 Newcastle Jets  
Perth Glory 3:0 AIS  
Sydney FC 1:1 Adelaide United  
Brisbane Roar 2:0 Gold Coast United  
Melbourne Heart 2:0 Melbourne Victory

Hingert broke down the right flank to send a cross just over Fitzgerald's head.

On 30 minutes Gold Coast had three great chances to break the dead lock with Chris Lucas with two chances from close range and with Daniel Severino shooting over. Daniel Bragg had an even better chance at the end of the first-half for Gold Coast as his attempt bounced over and wide.

Gold Coast continued their dominance at the start of the second-half with more chances, this time falling to Bragg and Barker-Daish once again. But their attempts once again were off target. These missed opportunities came back to bite them on the behind as Brandon Borrello finished on 65 minutes to open the scoring. 5 minutes later Mijatija Simic fouled Alistair Quinn in the box. Kenneth Dougall stepped up to bury the penalty. Quinn and Fitzgerald had a chance each late on but it stayed 2-0 to the hosts. A game Gold Coast will be disappointed with.



John Aloisi gets his coaching career off to a winning start.  
Photo: ANITA MILAS

## NYL Standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1 Perth Glory	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
2 Brisbane Roar	1	1	0	0	2	0	2
3 Melbourne Heart	1	1	0	0	2	0	2
4 Adelaide United	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
5 CC Mariners	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
6 Newcastle Jets	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
7 Sydney FC	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
8 Gold Coast United	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2
9 Melbourne Victory	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2
10 AIS	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3

## Next Round

Sat 29 Oct 11 12:00pm <b>Sydney Vs Melbourne Heart</b> Leichardt Oval, Sydney
Sat 29 Oct 11 4:00pm <b>Gold Coast United Vs Newcastle Jets</b> Owen Park, Southport
Sat 29 Oct 11 4:00pm <b>Brisbane Roar Vs Adelaide United</b> Cleveland Showgrounds, Cleveland
Sun 30 Oct 11 11:00am <b>Central Coast Mariners Vs Perth Glory</b> Pluim Park, Central Coast
Sun 30 Oct 11 3:00pm <b>AIS Vs Melbourne Victory</b> AIS Athletics Track, Canberra

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# United and Victory take opening day honours

Courtesy FFA

Canberra United and Melbourne Victory claimed early Westfield W-League bragging rights, while competition big guns Sydney FC and Brisbane Roar played out a stalemate in their grand final rematch.

Canberra were 4-1 winners over Adelaide United, while Melbourne Victory were made to work hard for a 2-0 scoreline against the visiting Perth Glory, leaving the winning pair at the top of the ladder on three points.

In Sydney, the Sky Blues and the Roar produced a high tempo contest under a warm Sydney sun despite both sides missing a number of influential personnel. Brisbane were forced to make do without Aivi Luik, Elise Kellond-Knight and Kim Carroll, all of whom will miss the early weeks of the season with playing commitments in Denmark, with the same applying to Sydney striker Leena Khamis. The Sky Blues also face the early weeks of the season without the services of injured Westfield Matildas duo Heather Garriock and Kyah Simon.

On the other side of the ledger, star American midfielder Megan Rapinoe turned out in Sydney colours for the first time in what is the league's most well-know import to date. Rapinoe, who starred as USA narrowly failed to win the 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup, was a constant threat throughout the first match of a two-game guest stint for the Sky Blues.

After a scrappy opening, Sydney's Renee Rollason scored with a spectacular long-range effort, reminiscent of Sam Kerr's goal of the season for Perth Glory two season ago, also at Leichhardt Oval.

A moment of inspiration from Joanne Burgess saw the Roar draw level early in the second half. The former Westfield Matildas attacker exchanged passes with Emily Gielnik to unlock the Sydney defence, before sliding her shot past debutant goalkeeper Monique Jackson.

Sky Blues coach Alen Stajcic held back teenage sensation Caitlin Foord until midway through the second half, with the Germany 2011 Young Player of the Tournament still recovering from a muscle strain. Foord made an immediate impact on the right, and with Rapinoe operating on the left flank, Sydney pushed hard for a winner in the closing stages against a resolute Roar defence to no avail.

At the same time in Adelaide, the new look home side under former New Zealand U-17 coach David Edmondson took on Canberra seeking to end a lengthy winless run. While the visitors from the nation's capital ultimately ran out comfortable winners, the Lady Reds held their opponents until the hour mark.

Canberra's prolific Westfield Matildas striker Michelle Heyman opened the scoring inside the second minute but Adelaide, to their credit, drew level



With only Katie Holtham between her and the goal, Melbourne Victory captain Jodie Taylor fires the ball past the outstretched hand of Glory keeper Mackenzie Arnold. Photo: JOHN PUNSHON



Canberra United's Caitlin Munoz heads goalwards as Kristi Harvey awaits the danger between the Adelaide United sticks. Photo: ADAM BUTLER

through Rachael Quigley. Canberra, also with a debutant coach in former Czech international, Jitka Klimkova, secured the breakthrough as Caitlin Munoz hit a double, before Heyman grabbed her second goal with an impressive curling strike.

Melbourne Victory also collected

three points with a 2-0 win at home over Perth Glory. Caitlin Friend and Amy Jackson scored either side of the break, in a match delayed for 15 minutes during the second half after a thunderstorm forced the players from the field. The confident win leaving Vicki Linton's Victory side well posi-

tioned going into next weekend's visit to Premiers Sydney FC.

Next weekend will also mark the opening match for Newcastle with the Jets having the bye in the opening round.

## Results

Adelaide United 1:4 Canberra United  
Sydney FC 1:1 Brisbane Roar  
Melbourne Victory 2:0 Perth Glory  
Newcastle Jets Vs Bye

## Standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1 Canberra United FC	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
2 Melbourne Victory	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
3 Brisbane Roar	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
4 Sydney FC	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
5 Perth Glory FC	1	0	0	1	0	2	-0
6 Adelaide United	1	0	0	1	1	4	-3
7 Newcastle Jets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## Next Round

29 Oct 11 2:00pm

Newcastle Jets Vs Adelaide United  
Adamstown Oval, Newcastle

29 Oct 11 3:00pm

Sydney FC Vs Melbourne Victory  
Leichhardt Oval, Sydney

29 Oct 11 3:00pm

Canberra United FC Vs Perth Glory  
McKellar Park, Canberra

Brisbane Roar Vs Bye



Brisbane's Brooke Spence looks to evade Thea Slatyer. Photo: ANN ODONG



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# MIXED FORTUNES FOR BRAZILIAN GIANTS IN COPA

## Latin Wrap



Francis Fields

Four Brazilian teams were left in the round of 16 in the Copa Sudamericana: Vasco da Gama, Botafogo, Flamengo and São Paulo. Only Vasco remains alive and guaranteed its passage to the quarter finals.

Vasco da Gama advanced to the quarters with a thrashing over Bolivia's Aurora of Cochabamba by 8-3.

The Bolivian side had got the upper hand in the first leg 3-1. Vasco however, the Brazilian league leaders made their home ground presence felt at the São Januário with a thumping win and a 9-6 aggregate favourable scoreline.

Six different players got on the scoresheet with Bernardo and Alecsandro grabbing a brace followed with a goal each by Allan, Leandro, former Lyon midfielder Juninho Pernambucano and Douglas.

Augusto Andaveris got the early equaliser for Aurora for whom at that stage still ensured the Bolivian side through. Diómedes Peña scored the second for 6-2 while Ronald Segovia scored the final consolation on 88 minutes in the goal fest.

The other two Rio sides, Botafogo and Flamengo were not able to turnaround their first-leg ties and bowing out of the continental competition.

Bogotá and Botafogo sound similar however the former is Colombia's capital city and the latter, one of Brazil giant clubs based in Rio de Janeiro famous as the club where the legendary Garrincha played for.

Santa Fe is one of the two giant clubs based in the Colombian capital and it is the red half of the city that will march into the quarter-finals after thrashing Botafogo 4-1 at home at the Nemesio Camacho stadium or "El Campín" on Wednesday.

The tie was evenly poised at 1-1 after



Colombia's Independiente de Santa Fe played out a thrilling opening 20 minutes to down Brazil's Botafogo on Wednesday.



Heads up! Action between Argentina's bottom-placed team Argentinos Juniors and second-placed Atlético Rafaela in action mid-week.

the first leg in Rio last month but two goals in the opening 10 minutes from Santa Fe ensured their progression was never in doubt as they romped to a 5-2 aggregate victory.

Oscar Rodas got Santa Fe off to the perfect start when he scored the opener after just two minutes, and when Omar Pérez netted for the hosts six minutes later, things looked grim for Botafogo.

But it got worse for the visitors when Leo put the ball into his own net on the stroke of halftime to make it 3-0, before Rodas struck again on 63 minutes to seal Santa Fe's spot in the last eight.

Alexandre Oliveira did manage to pull one back for Botafogo with three minutes of regular time remaining, but the visitors' frustrating day was summed up when striker Alex was sent off in injury time.

'Santa Fe' will now face 'Argentine' outfit Vélez Sarsfield in the quarter-finals, with the first leg to be played in Buenos Aires on November 2.

Flamengo lost 1-0 in Santiago against Universidad de Chile. An early Marcelo Díaz goal on 22 minutes put the Chilean side ahead in the first half which sealed their passage to the quarters in a 5-0 aggregate win after their 4-0 away win last week in Rio.

Universidad de Chile's goalkeeper Johnny Herrera remained without conceding a goal in the tournament and made some heroic saves denying Flamengo any consolation to narrow the five-goal deficit.

The third and final game played yesterday was Libertad of Paraguay defeating São Paulo with a 2-0 home win in Asunción cancelling out the Brazilian side's first-leg win last week with the solitary goal by its star forward Luis Fabiano.

The Paraguayans managed to get the Brazilian side away from possession and out of the tournament with an inspiring win.

**The quarter finals match ups are as follows:**

**Vélez Sarsfield (ARG) v Ind. Santa Fe (COL)**

**LDU Quito (ECU) v Libertad (PAR)**

**U. de Chile (CHI) v Arsenal de Sarandí (ARG)**

**Universitario (PER) v Vasco da Gama (BRA)**

**ARGENTINA**  
**No football was played last weekend due to presidential elections as the fixture was moved mid-week.**

The highlight of the round was Boca

Juniors away to Colón in Santa Fé and second-placed side Atlético Rafaela beating Argentinos Juniors and sinking them to the bottom of the league standings.

Boca Juniors coach Julio César Falcioni was delighted with his side's display on Wednesday, as the battered Xeneixe overcame Colon to secure a vital victory.

Missing their entire first-choice attack through injury, including Juan Román Riquelme, a goal in each half from Nicolas Blandi was enough to give the away team a 2-0 victory.

Speaking after the final whistle, Falcioni could not hide his admiration for a gutsy performance in Santa Fe, north of Argentina.

"Tonight, the team gave a fantastic demonstration of how football should be played," the coach said after the match.

"Boca controlled the tempo throughout the game and we had the best chances of the match. We were impressive and we had a lot of opportunities. We could have even secured a bigger margin."

Boca are six points clear in the Apertura standings, with Atlético Rafaela their closest challengers. Boca's next test comes against second-placed Rafaela, whom they will host early Monday.

### CHILE

**There are two disperse realities between first and second-placed in the Clausura or closing championship in Chile.**

'Runaway leaders' Universidad de Chile in red-hot form. Not only have they qualified for the quarter finals convincingly in the Copa Sudamericana, they are undefeated in the domestic championship.

A lot of the hard work and accolades go to coach Jorge Sampaoli and after drawing at home last weekend to Palestino 1-1, the "azules" or the blues next Monday morning come up against eternal arch-rival Colo-Colo.

It is undoubtedly the biggest fixture of the season where first meets second. Universidad de Chile sit on 33 points while Colo-Colo are on 25 points.

Finally, Corinthians president Andrés Sánchez says that Manchester City striker Carlos Tévez is on the verge of rejoining the Brazilian giants at cut price.

Sánchez claims that Tévez's new transfer value must reflect the controversies that have beset the Argentine in the last two months.

Corinthians have been long-term admirers of their former player and attempted to sign him in the recent transfer window

before being deterred by a large transfer fee.

With relations having disintegrated between Tévez and City after the Argentine allegedly refused to come off the bench against Bayern Munich, Corinthians have redoubled their efforts to sign the mar-quee striker.

And Sánchez believes that this time they have a chance to buy Tévez for far less than the 40 million euros City recently sought for the player.

"Tévez has one foot in Corinthians, even if a lot of people don't believe it," Sánchez told reporters.

"He is not worth 40 million euros. Now you would pay around 18m euros after all the trouble he has faced in England."

Tévez was fined four weeks' wages by City on Monday for his transgression during the Bayern match.

The future of Tévez still looks uncertain and will only be guaranteed once the January transfer windows approaches at the end of year.

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## Football legend Zidane ends Mali visit with anti-poverty call

Football superstar and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Goodwill Ambassador Zinedine Zidane ended a visit to Mali last Friday highlighting new anti-poverty tools put into action across the West African nation.

Zidane visited a group of women who manage a multi-purpose engine that provides the village of Koursalé, 60 kilometres southwest of the capital, Bamako, with an affordable power supply for milling grain, processing rice, and recharging batteries.

"I've been able to see for myself how these simple machines can make women's everyday lives easier, and generate

economic and social development that benefits everyone in the community," said Zidane who also visited a UNDP-supported women-run shea butter factory, and met with students from a school in neighbouring Bancoumana.

"It would be fantastic if every village in Mali could have one of these machines," he said, noting that more than one thousand villages in Mali are equipped with this technology, reducing the amount of time local women spend on household chores.

The programme has so far reached about 1.5 million people in Mali and approximately three million in West Africa now have better energy access through

the engines, some of which now run on biofuels such as the Jatropha vegetable oil.

It focuses on women with low income and minimal access to energy. Only registered women's associations, with support of village members, can apply for a unit. Once trained, they save an average of between two and six hours daily using the technology.

Improving access to energy for some of the world's poorest populations is one plank of UNDP's poverty reduction strategy, which involves supporting governments in drawing up and putting into action policies that break poverty cycles and create opportunities for women.

In Bamako, Zidane also participated in a sports event with 3,000 youth as part of advocacy efforts for the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) - eight internationally-agreed goals that seek to end extreme poverty by 2015.

Acting UNDP Resident Representative Maurice Dewulf hailed Zidane as a "valuable Ambassador who has teamed up with 13 million Malians with a view to achieving the MDGs."

Prior to his departure, Zidane met with Mali's President Amadou Toumani Touré, who acknowledged the football star's commitment to advocating against poverty.



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# Belief in A-League will convey success



Football  
Insight

Robert Di Fabio

Australian football has never had a simple path to success. There have always been strenuous obstacles to overcome, while the battle for supremacy in amongst a saturated sporting environment has made the task that extra bit more difficult. The A-League was brought onto our Australian shores in 2005 – following the demise of the National Soccer League the previous year – to help cultivate the development of the game, and expand the code to a more mainstream public – breaking away from the ethnic ties that were manifest in the NSL era. With pyramids of hype engulfed the new A-League campaign, opinions are diverse in regards to what us, football enthusiasts, believe is measurable for success in our domestic competition. Some within the football community are content with improved average attendances; however fans should hold higher ambitions, as football merits a stronger following.

Despite the numerous impediments evident throughout the competition's six-year history, overall it's fair to assume that the league is fast becoming a stewed success. Although, with this notion, the A-League still has a long way to go until we reach the mesmerising heights of our major competitors – from a football perspective, the J.League in Japan and in our Australian market, the AFL and NRL.

Whilst crowds were steadily rising throughout the initial three years – with an average of over 14,000 per game in season three – attendances have palpably dwindled since. A profusion of reasons come to mind – cross-code conflict, minimal community engagement, an undeveloped expansion process and lacklustre marketing efforts – have all contributed to a tenuous average of

just over 8,000 last season.

Readers may be wondering, how can the A-League be an astute success if there are such worrying trends? Well, in contrast to the NSL days, it's obvious we've come a long way. The code, thankfully, is now seen in a professional light. Footballers are employed on a full-time basis, technical standards are improving, media coverage is convalescing and the league is being portrayed as a competitive division amongst the football sphere. From an international perception, the Socceroos are perhaps Australia's most recognised sporting brand, with two successive World Cup Finals appearances and a radiant image depicted amongst our national football affiliate.

The recent arrival of Socceroo idols Harry Kewell and Brett Emerton speaks volumes for the game in this country. To comprise of such highly credentialed figures is a testament to how far the competition has come. Their presence at Melbourne Victory and Sydney FC respectively – in the country's two biggest markets – has already promoted awareness, and further implies that football is no Mickey Mouse code in the Australian sporting marketplace.

Whilst there are many beneficiaries from their recent onset in Australia, the A-League still has a fair margin to travel, until the competition can firmly minimise the equilibrium between the other football codes.

In the lead-up to this season's A-League campaign, the excitement was colossal, immersed with the arrivals of Kewell and Emerton, accompanied with a later start in October to avoid collision with the AFL and NRL seasons. The build-up was the biggest since the inauguration of the competition six years ago.

The question comes to mind, what should we deem as success or failure? For the game to prosper and create further in-roads in a highly competitive marketplace, can we continue to accept mediocrity and act as the little brother on the Australian sporting scene? Recently, debate has been rife in the Twittersphere as to what is considered to be a satisfactory mark in relation to crowd figures.



Dressed for success: Even James Bond gives the A-League the thumbs up this season. Photo: ADAM BUTLER

Emerton's homecoming to the once 'glamour club' of Australian football received extensive media coverage in the lead-up to the A-League season. The former Blackburn star's home debut against defending champion Brisbane Roar in round two mustered a crowd of 15,789. Whilst beating their own attendance record of 12,106 last year in only the club's first home game of the season, it's rather naive to believe that attendance figure is acceptable. To be fair, considering the circumstances, it's a paltry figure. Sydney FC CEO Dirk Melton would have anticipated a much larger attendance, given 40,000 admirers watched Kewell's debut for Melbourne Victory the previous week.

Some fans have uttered that it's a great start and something for the club to build on throughout the campaign. In theory, it's true. Although, sorry if this sounds a tad cynical, but, can this really be believable. If the Sydney faithful can only acquire around 15,000 fans to a marquee event like this, then it leaves little to the imagination on what the prospective

crowd figures will be for the average A-League fixture during the season.

Emersed in the largest market in the nation, Sydney FC have an obligation to lift the bar higher. Yes, a crowd just shy of 16,000 may be on par to the NRL's 2011 season average of 16,267 – fetching their second highest attendance record following last year – although, accepting this figure as an accomplishment won't produce elevated yardsticks for the league.

Additionally, Gold Coast United could only attract little over 4,000 enthusiasts to their opening round clash with Wellington Phoenix. This simply isn't tolerable. Their struggles to attain creditable crowds is well documented, and although there has been a concerted effort to ramp up gate receipts – engaging in greater community engagement and lowering ticket prices – there still needs to be a drastic improvement. Having deplorable crowds of this magnitude creates a poor image for the competition, when the A-League, in theory should be the top prize in town.

Football enthusiasts have argued that crowds have risen in the opening three weeks of this A-League season and are the best on record at the start of a new campaign. In fact, the A-League broke its aggregate attendance record for a solitary weekend in round three, amassing 87,958 fans – thanks vastly to the 39,303 spectators at the Melbourne derby. That's fantastic, and great to see. Although with an October commencement – with little competitive competition – and considering extensive publicity, we shouldn't be under-selling ourselves.

This exasperating mind-set of second rate is good enough, needs to be abolished. For football to fully flourish, justifications for every underachievement need to stray away. Is it irrational to have lofty, yet realistic objectives? On the pitch, the game is moving in the correct direction. Technically, clubs are playing a superior brand of football, with enhanced game ethos to exert their tactical prowess.

We are besieged in a period where image has a profound

impact on how the game is perceived. Mediocrity isn't a constituent to success. As football devotees, we all understand that success isn't reached overnight; it's a building block which is slowly formulated, gaining poise and forging relationships as the voyage ventures forward.

Conversely, we must have the nous, to stand up and say, "We should expect more, and can improve". It's very early in the new campaign, although underwriting our path to a vibrant destiny is what the football community must believe. Realistic ambitions ultimately breads success – if football followers continue to behave as second fiddle, accepting deficiency, that's how the game will be treated. Who's to argue the A-League cannot have record breaking attendance figures this season? It will take a concerted effort from all involved, but it is certainly achievable. Football will reach its potential; it's merely a matter of time.

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# United turn blue after demolition derby

**EPL  
Wrap**



**Steven Talevski**

Manchester City belted a ten man Manchester United 6-1 in an unexpected result at Old Trafford to extend their lead on top of the table by five points.

Manchester City began the derby looking the better of the two sides as a Mario Balotelli strike lead them into half time with a one nil lead.

Mario Balotelli continued to cause havoc in the second half as he was dragged down by Johnny Evans on the edge of the penalty area which saw the defender sent off with a red card.

City doubled the lead as Mario Balotelli got his second and it was soon three nil when Sergio Aguero found the back of the net.

United seemed to get some pride back as Darren Fletcher netted the goal of the match in the 81st minute but the sides poor defending saw them con-



Six and the City: Renditions of Blue Moon hit record levels last weekend as Manchester City recorded a famous derby victory in Manchester United's very own backyard.

cede another three goals before the full time whistle.

Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson said it was the worst defeat in his career.

After bouncing back mid-week with a three nil win at Aldershot Town, United travel to Goodison Park to face an Everton side coming off a win away

to Fulham after injury time goals from Louis Saha and Jack Rodwell.

Meanwhile, former united player Carlos Tevez has been fined one million pounds for refusing to warm up for Manchester City in their Champions League tie against Bayern Munich.

However the club have confirmed that Carlos Tevez will not be sold in January

for a cut price. A City spokesman said, "I can confirm that, following a phone call between Roberto and the chairman today, the club's formal position is that no offer for Carlos will be considered unless it reflects true market value." Manchester City faces Wolverhampton at the Eithad Stadium just three days after the two sides met in a fourth round

Carling Cup fixture.

Chelsea remain in third spot after a defeat to Queens Park Rangers in a match that saw two red cards to Didier Drogba and Jose Bosingwa as seven other Chelsea players finished the fiery encounter with yellow cards.

Chelsea captain John Terry was also accused of racism as he allegedly made racial remarks to QPR defender Anton Ferdinand which has caused uncertainty over his captaincy for the English national team as the police have begun their own investigations into the incident.

John Terry has said that the incident was a 'miss-understanding' while admitting the racial slur was made because he thought that was Anton Ferdinand implying that he had previously made the remark.

Andres Villas-Boas has leapt to his captain's defence saying "He has put out his statement and we fully back John. John is a player who represents this country to the highest level internationally. He is a player of great responsibilities."

Those responsibilities include captaining Chelsea into this weekend's big clash against London rivals Arsenal at Stamford Bridge.

Both teams will be without key players

as Thomas Vermaelen has been ruled out with a calf injury for Arsenal while Chelsea will be without the suspended Didier Drogba and Jose Bosingwa. Queens Park Rangers look the put the racial affair behind them this weekend as they travel to White Hart Lane to take on Tottenham who are coming off a six game undefeated streak in the league.

Undefeated Newcastle United look to continue their great start of the season as they travel to Britannia Stadium to face Stoke City who have not lost at home this season.

Liverpool who are just four points behind fourth placed Newcastle, travel to the Hawthorns to take on West Bromwich Albion who have not lost a match in the Premier league for over a month. In some good news for Australians Chris Herd had his red card over West Bromwich Albion rescinded and is up for selection as Aston Villa visit the Stadium of Light to play against Sunderland.

In other games this week Norwich City take on Blackburn Rovers, Bolton visit Swansea and Wigan look to end their six game losing streak in the Premier League as they host Fulham.

# John Terry's Fate May Be In Cole's Hands

**LONDON CALLING**



**With Leroy Robinson in the UK**

In response to allegations not so long ago that Luis Suarez racially abused Patrice Evra, I suggested that in future the Frenchman should go through the proper channels and make sure that his mouth avoided coming within spitting distance of a microphone.

Now the whole racial thing has reared its ugly head again in last Sunday's West London derby between QPR and Chelsea at Loftus Road. A performance which should have been lauded by the press and public as a gallant – with the blues being down to nine men for all of the second half – was overshadowed by allegations that England captain John Terry levelled racial abuse at Anton Ferdinand. What should have been an inquest into how a team with everything in its favour, including home advantage, had to hold on for a 1-0 win against a team two players lighter, went largely by the wayside.

Speaking earlier this week to Sportsmail, the Daily Mail's sports department, Terry said: "I'll do whatever it takes to clear my name and I don't have anything to hide. I'm not taking that level of abuse...Anton and I spoke for 10 minutes in the dressing room after the game and there is no issue between us. It's finished."

Only it isn't. The matter has gone to the FA, who will no doubt call Anton and John

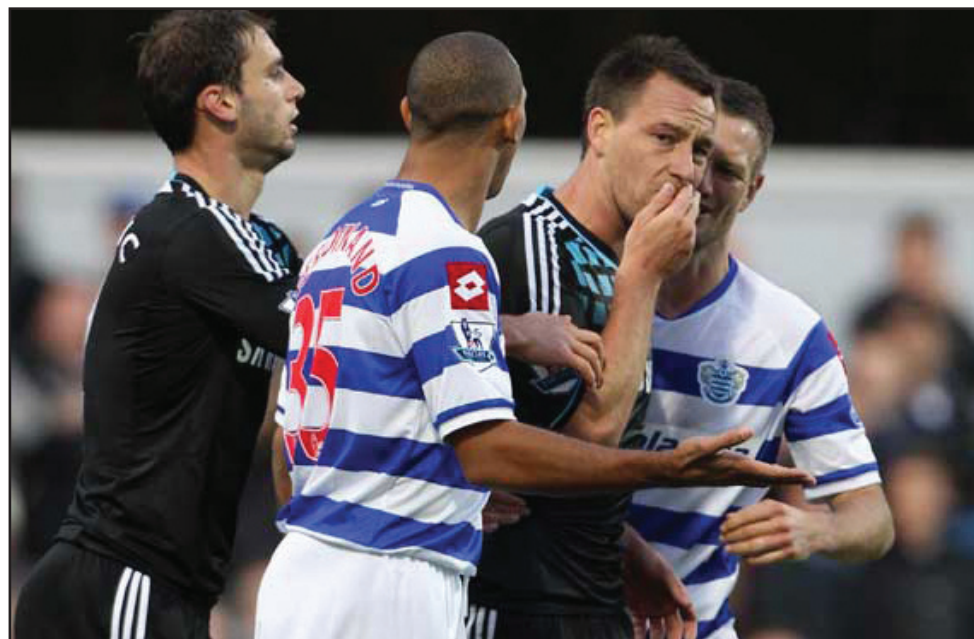
in for a discussion. Ferdinand himself hasn't exonerated or accused Terry of anything, he has merely filed a complaint with his club. The 'evidence' is a piece of footage in which Terry and Ferdinand are walking side by side and Terry says black vagina, I mean black c\*\*t (the two missing letters can be found at the back of Barcelona's shirts). To cut a long story short, Terry doesn't deny saying this, but he insists the comments were taken out of context and that he was responding to an accusation.

If this is true then Terry will be merely reprimanded for his use of profanity on the pitch and if this is false Terry will be merely reprimanded for his use of profanity on the pitch. This isn't to say I'm taking the matter lightly. Just that Terry, quite cleverly, has diffused the situation by admitting his use of the words. So what are the FA to do? Intent is what is important here, and even though Anton may well have taken offence at the words used, his feelings wont and should not be taken into account. It will be one man's word against another. What makes this even weirder is that all sorts of rude things are said on the football field to wind players up, all of them not unsuitable for publication. Questioning a player's sexuality, his ability or even the size of his penis is fine. The only thing that is a no-no in English

football is racial abuse. The trouble is it is very hard to prove.

Ah, but in this case there is a caveat. According to Eurosport, the footage which set everything off shows Ashley Cole walking by his captain as he uttered the words. Picture the scene at the FA when, I won't say if, Ashley is requested to appear and give an honest opinion about what happened. Does that 'honest' opinion hang his captain (of club and country) out to dry, or does he tow the company line and get brownie points by exonerating Terry. You see, if Cole gives evidence and things work out badly for Terry, then Cole will be labelled a snitch and what will the Chelsea fans think of that? This might seem rather unsavoury, but the ability and status of a player is important in the eyes of supporters. Quite frankly, had this been JT at 17 or perhaps a player of lesser ability and esteem, the fans would more forgiving if Cole's testimony shattered the career of a fellow professional. But this isn't a trainee: its the captain of England and Chelsea and one wonders if Cole will confer (or has already conferred) with JT so that they can 'get their stories straight'.

The FA, quite rightly, haven't pre-empted anything by stripping him of the captaincy and Fabio Capello, for a change, seems to be keeping a dignified silence. He was dropped from the Carling Cup tie with Everton but I dare say a match in Merseyside was the last thing Terry needed. He was sent of there in December 2008 and the crowd, unforgiving lot that football crowds sometimes are, wont give him a moment's rest. Talking of rest, better to let him stay at home and relax and play FIFA 12. that way he can't get into any trouble!He'll be back for the big one against Arsenal, which is at home but he better not say anything remotely obscene to Alex Song or he'll get stamped on. Of course, I nearly forgot the other scenario: what if JT is telling the truth?



Tempers fray at the West London Derby between Chelsea and QPR. Guess who's in the middle of it?

Regardless, I don't see anything serious happening to John Terry, and when all is said and done Anton will just get on with his career as will Ashley Cole. Maybe the latter will have something a little extra in his Christmas stocking or maybe he'll get something better: a solemn promise by Terry not to try it on with the lovely Cheryl Cole. Personally, if I was Terry, I'd refrain from giving any such promise. It's too big a price to pay for a few loose words!

**WILL THE GOOD SHIP ARSENAL RUN AGROUND AT THE BRIDGE?**

Chelsea play Arsenal on Saturday and the match will be the first real test of the good ship Arsenal's recent resurgence. Some weeks ago I wrote that Arsenal would pick up their form. However, I did

not say that they would be back to their best and I did not say they would finish in the top 4. And I'm still not sure if they will. The reason is simple. Every time this team has had a stiff test they have failed that test. This has happened time and time again, and not only this season either. People within football are too quick to anoint someone the next Messi or Ronaldo based on a few performances. The same goes for a team who is going through a bad patch or any run of consistent form. They are either back on song or in crisis. As always, these things are to be judged over a season.

If you look at the teams Arsenal have played they hardly read like a giants of world football list. After being humbled at Blackburn they played Shrewsbury, Bol-

ton and Olympiakos. They also played Sunderland, Stoke and Bolton, the dregs of the league basically, and all at home. In between this they won at the Stade Velodrome against an incredibly poor, and so it seemed, overawed Marseille team. Yes, you can only beat what is put in front of you but I'm going to wait until I pass judgement. We'll see exactly what they're made of when they are thrown into Stamford Bridge against Chelsea. I wouldn't be surprised if they revert to their usual meek and mild selves. However, November looks to be kind to the gunners so I expect them to be right on the coattails of Spurs and Liverpool in the battle for 4th place but come May I expect them to once again think about what might have been.

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# Top three unchanged after Udinese loss



Luca Cetta

It has been a busy week in Italy, with a midweek round complimenting the usual schedule. Udinese continued their great start on Sunday but in midweek succumbed to defeat in Naples. Juventus are top once again, while a pair of unlikely hat-trick heroes did the job for Milan.

Last weekend Udinese became sole leaders of Serie A thanks to an Antonio Di Natale inspired victory over Novara. He scored two, including a free kick, in a 3-0 win.

Elsewhere, Juventus drew 2-2 at home against Genoa despite twice taking the lead through Alessandro Matri. Andrea Caracciolo scored with five minutes remaining to ensure a fourth draw in five matches for the Bianconeri. A Kevin-Prince Boateng hat-trick helped Milan to an amazing comeback against Lecce. Down 3-0 at half time, Boateng squared the ledger before Mario Yepes converted to end it 3-4.

Inter scraped to a 1-0 win against Chievo, Thiago Motta heading truly from a corner, as Napoli and Cagliari played out a 0-0 draw. Young Argentine Erik Lamela opened his Roma account in a 1-0 win versus Palermo, with Lazio moving to second after dispatching of Bologna 2-0. Fiorentina was pegged back twice by Catania in a 2-2 draw. Siena defeated winless Cesena 2-0 and Parma was overcome at home by Atalanta, 2-1.

In Udine, Zebrette boss Francesco Guidolin dismissed any Scudetto talk after the match: "Can we challenge for the



Substitute Kevin-Prince Boateng inspired AC Milan to a thrilling 4-3 Serie A victory in Lecce.

Scudetto? Let's not joke around here. We played well today and deserved to win a difficult match. Once the season gets into full swing, then the big clubs will put the table right soon enough."

The midweek round began in Turin where Juventus dispatched of Fiorentina 2-1 to regain first position. Leonardo Bonucci poked the Bianconeri into the lead from close range. The hosts dominated but failed to extend their lead and were punished shortly after the break when Jovetic curled in from the edge of the penalty area. Simone Pepe fended off four defenders to play Matri through and the striker restored Juve's advantage. Afterwards Matri played down links between him and club legend David Trezeguet, stating: "Being compared to Trezeguet is a little excessive. Trezeguet wrote a chapter in the history of this club, whereas I haven't even picked up a pen yet..."

Napoli faced Udinese, who were without Di Natale. The hosts dominated throughout and Ezequiel Lavezzi opened the scoring on the volley following an Edison Cavani flick. Christian

Maggio headed home just before the break to seal the result.

Milan disposed of Parma 4-1. Antonio Nocerino was an unlikely hat-trick hero, setting up the win with two first half goals in as many minutes. Zlatan Ibrahimovic scored the other for the Rossoneri, as Sebastian Giovinco grabbed the consolation.

Inter had a tricky test at Atalanta and escaped with a 1-1 draw thanks to a 90th minute penalty save by goalkeeper Luca Castellazzi. German Denis was the guilty party, shooting weakly down the centre. He had earlier cancelled out Wesley Sneijder's opener.

It was a poor night for the Roman sides. Roma left Genoa with nothing after a last minute 2-1 loss, despite dominating proceedings throughout. Bosko Jankovic gave the hosts the lead but Fabio Borini thought he secured a point for the Giallorossi with eight minutes remaining. However, Juraj Kucka fumbled in a fortunate winner as the match entered injury time. Meanwhile, Miroslav Klose gave Lazio the lead versus Catania, but Gonzalo Bergessio pounced on a rebound to give Catania a share of the spoils.

Elsewhere, Cesena tactician Marco Giampaolo saved his job (for now) with a 1-1 draw against Cagliari and it was the same score in Novara, who claimed a point in the last ten minutes against Siena. Finally, Bologna won by a solitary goal away at Chievo. On Thursday night, Palermo entertains Lecce to complete the midweek round.

The big match this weekend takes place in Milan as Inter hosts Juventus in the Derby d'Italia. Juve will go into the contest as the hunted rather than the hunter as has been the case in recent seasons, with Inter looking to kick-start their campaign.

Also on Saturday is the clash between Roma and Milan. The loss to Genoa will hurt Luis Enrique's men, but they are doing enough performance-wise to suggest they are on the right track. Milan has won three in a row yet Coach Max Allegri is not completely happy with his side at the moment. This will be a good test.

Lazio and Napoli face difficult away matches at Cagliari and Catania respectively, while Udinese will look to bounce back when they entertain Palermo. Bologna hosts Atalanta, while Fiorentina welcomes Genoa to town. Giampaolo needs a Cesena win away at Parma, as Lecce and Novara look to climb away from the relegation zone. Finally, Siena will aim for their third consecutive win when they host Chievo.

One last story to finish up, with the news Milan battler Gennaro Gattuso is suffering from double vision. He has been out since the opening round on September 9th, where he came off against Lazio. Of that match, he said: "The 20 minutes I played against Lazio were a nightmare. I felt drunk. I could see Zlatan Ibrahimovic in four different positions." The 33-year-old is expected to be out for six months, but has vowed to return.

## Viva Espana



### Pepe Lopez

When the powerbrokers of the institutions of European Football that are Barcelona FC and Real Madrid FC, internally discussed how their clubs may improve enough competitively, to edge ahead of the other club in 2011-2012, in order to be number one in both Spain and Europe, there would have been no mention of any of the following tactical solutions;

- An total annual operational budget of 22 Million Euro.
- A total off-season spend on players of 210,000 Euro.
- A total annual squad salary of 6.5 Million Euro.

If one where to cast their eyes on the figures above, they may assume they were looking at the financial figures of an ambitious A-League club. But if one were then to state the same club had a defense where the average age was no younger than 33, one would suggest it was an A-League club in need of a shake-up. So what are we talking about?

Levante. The name of beach in the Valencia region of Spain. What is so special about Levante? After 8 rounds of La Liga, just 1 match short of the first season quarter for 2011-2012, Levante are clear leaders of the Spanish La Liga. Spain's premier football competition.

Real Betis were the surprise league leaders after round 5, but perhaps as a fortune of a favorable fixture, they were just lucky at the time as ultimately Betis have crumbled in the last 3 rounds and have now fallen back into

7th place. Levante did not have such a favorable fixture, in fact Levante are the only team to defeat Real Madrid so far this season and have also defeated big spending Malaga (60 Million Euro off-season recruitment drive) as well as defeating Spanish Champions League participants Villarreal.

Levante, who have no major honours in their 102 year history, and have only participated in La Liga for 7 seasons, are the talking point in all of Spain. When the "Granotes" (Frogs - club nickname) defeated Real Madrid, just one Real player, Cristiano Ronaldo was and is still being paid an annual salary double the entire squad of the Granotes. The club owes its current run of success to young 37 year old Coach Juan Ignacio Martinez, who has his feet firmly on the ground; "Let's be honest: none of us imagined it, not even in our wildest dreams. We have been trying to win as many points as possible but this run we have been on has been great... It is something very special, but nevertheless, we have to continue working with our feet on the ground and must be aware that the season is very long."

Levante leapfrogged Barcelona FC (who have an annual operating budget of 460 Million Euro) at the top of the table on the weekend, as Barca dropped 2 points at home to Seville. World Footballer Of The Year, Lionel Messi had the opportunity to win the match with a late penalty kick in front of 93,000 at the Nou Camp in Barcelona, but in wild scenes, the penalty kick was delayed by all of 2 to 3 minutes as Seville's substitute Frederic Kanoute got himself a yellow card by first kicking the ball from the penalty spot before Messi had a chance to shoot, and then Kanoute further disrupted Messi's penalty kick by taking a swipe at Barca midfielder Cesc Fabregas and earning himself a red card. By the time Messi was able to shoot, negative thoughts would have taken over Messi's head, and his weak and nervous kick was saved by Seville's goalkeeper Javi Varas.

# The further demise of Serbian football as Vidic calls it a day

## Balkan Wrap



### Alex Milic

**The Demise of Serbian Football**  
Vidic, Ivanovic, Kolarov, Stankovic, Subotic, Krasic – surely a team that consists of these players should qualify or at least get to the play-off stages from a group that includes the likes of Slovenia, Northern Ireland, Estonia and the Faroe Islands.

A point against the Italians should be good enough for a play off spot, wins against minnows Estonia and at least three points against Slovenia, surely??

Serbia only took a point from Slovenia, Estonia and Italy. No European Championships for a side that should with no problem being amongst the 16 best nations on the continent.

Having qualified for the World Cup in South Africa – topping their Qualification Group ahead of France – and drawn in the Finals with Germany, Ghana and Australia the chances were very good for Serbia to reach the knock out stages. But once more Serbia failed on the big stage and despite beating the Germans they failed to get any points against Ghana and Australia.

The failure in South Africa was the turning point for the failure in the Euro 2012 Qualifiers. A loss to Estonia and only a draw against Slovenia in Belgrade signalled the end to Radomir Antic's career as Serbian Manager and former U/21 coach Vladimir Petrovic was brought in to get things back on track. But the sacking of Antic was going to haunt the side for the remainder of the qualifiers.

Antic not just built a side that can play

football but also an environment and atmosphere that was lacking in previous squads, this was all polluted by the Serbian FA President Tomislav Karadzic who, before the World Cup, hailed Antic as the best thing in Serbian football – too bad Karadzic was the worse.

Karadzic is first and foremost not fit to be President of the FA nor any football organisation but he is however very good in the fields of organised crime and he is the 'Godfather' of corruption in Serbian football.

Most of the clubs in Serbia are against his reign of destruction in Serbian football because of the corruption and match fixing that has plagued the league and national side. The Serbian cup Final last year is the best possible example of his work and the sacking of Antic was another signal of who is the boss the big boss in Serbian football.

Nantes legend Ivan Curkovic is another figure that has polluted football in Serbia since the end of his playing days. He was even the President of the Olympic Committee and the reason why Partizan fans boycotted a lot of matches during his tenure as club President – another role in which he failed – but somehow his resume is good enough to be Vice-President of the Serbian FA.

Back to the Qualifying campaign, with Petrovic's lads needing at least a win against either Italy or Slovenia to confirm a play-off spot they failed in doing that too. A draw at home and a shocking performance in Maribor was the nail in the coffin for Serbian football.

Players that would die for Serbia on the field have not once been given a chance to wear the jersey while out of form and players lacking match fitness are still used no matter what. This is never the situation in the big European sides like Germany, Italy, Spain, France. You must be playing regular football and be fully fit to be considered for the national team and that is another reason why Serbia didn't have what it



Manchester United captain Nemanja Vidic retires from international football, claiming the principal reason was criticism of his attitude.

takes to qualify. Krasic is out of form and out of favour at Juventus, Vidic lacks match practice and was in no way ready to play against Barnsley let alone a big match against Slovenia. Miliijas is second string at Wolves and he was used as the impact player against the Slovenes while Zigic was out of action for longer than six months and he was called straight back into the squad.

If anyone watches and follows the Champions League and Europa League they will notice a fair number of Serbian players that are key members of their clubs but have not once been given a call up into the national team even though they play week in week out and perform to the standards of what is needed by them.

After every failure in any sport and any position in any field of work there must be big consequences and big reviews. The FA failed, the Manager failed and the players failed so there

must be huge changes in all aspects of Serbian football if there is going to be any results. Everything must be taken into account! But don't forget this is Serbia, this is Eastern Europe, this is the Balkans.

**League and Cup Action**  
Partizan and Red Star continue their fine starts to the season with two more easy wins. In Round 9 Red Star was too good for Novi Pazar in front of 13,000 fans at the Marakana winning 3:1 with two goals from Brazilian import Evandro. Partizan won away to Javor 2:1 with goals to youngster Markovic and former Serbia International Vukic.

The round of 16 of the Serbian Cup was played mid week with both Red Star and Partizan getting through. Red Star found it very tough against First Division side Banat and only won thanks to a 95th minute penalty from Evandro. Partizan overcame Metalac

3:1 with a Zvonimir Vukic double.

In Round 10 action over the weekend Red Star is away to Sloboda in the match of the round while Partizan welcomes Smederevo. Manchester United captain Nemanja Vidic has officially called it a day with the National Team just before his 30th Birthday. The defender played at the 2010 World Cup and went through three failed Euro Qualifying campaigns with Serbia.

**Croatia**  
Both Dinamo Zagreb and rivals Hajduk Split continue their winning ways in the League and after 12 Rounds the defending Champions have a four point buffer over its arch rival with NK Split a further three points behind. Dinamo overpowered NK HASK in the Croatian Cup 4:0 while Hajduk Split found it tough against Karlovac edging out the fellow 1HNL outfit 3:2 with a double to youngster Ante Vukusic.

Ljubo Milicevic has played five times for Hajduk this season with his last match being on October 2 against Karlovac in the League. The former Perth Glory and South Melbourne defender has been plagued with injury problems since his arrival at the Croatian giants. Fellow Aussie Steven Lustica has played eight matches for the 'Whites' having won the approval of Hajduk's Bulgarian Manager Krasimir Balakov with a Soccerroos call-up in the near future looking very likely for the youngster.

**Greece**  
Atromitos, Panathinaikos and Olympiakos share top spot in the Greek League. All three sides won last week, Atromitos edged past Pas Giannina 1:0 while Panathinaikos and Olympiakos had easy encounters. The 'Greens were too

good for Ergotelis putting four past the mid-table side. Olympiakos was impressive away to Panionios with Algerian striker Djebbour scoring a double in the 3:0 win.

AEK Athens Europa League dreams are all but over after a third straight loss in the Group Stages. A 3:1 away loss to Russian side Lokomotiv Moskva has left the Greek Cup winners with a slim chance of progressing to the next round needing three wins in the next three rounds to be left with a chance. PAOK overcame Irish Champions Shamrock rovers 2:1 and is now in second position with five points from the first three rounds. The 'Black and Whites' travel to Ireland in the next matchday looking to consolidate second position before a tough trip to London to face Group Leaders Tottenham.

The big match in Greece over the weekend is the PAOK – Panathinaikos derby in which both sides have it all to play for after a good start to the season. PAOK is only two points behind the 'Greens' and a fantastic start to the Europa League will give the 'Black and Whites' the added confidence ahead of the match.

**Turkey**  
Galatasaray suffered a shock 4:2 home loss to Gaziantepspor which meant Orduspor leap frogged the Turkish Giants into second place following a 1:1 draw with Bursaspor, it also means Fenerbahce has the chance to increase its advantage on top of the league when they take on Besiktas away in the derby match of the round.

James Troisi's Kayerispor travels to his former club Gencerbegli. Besiktas has three points from three matches in the Europa League and is in third position behind Stoke City and Dynamo Kiev.







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